A

Brief History

OF THE

TIMES, &c.

Shewing the *Pretended Popish Plot* to have been quite another Thing then it has been taken for.

PART. II.

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TO

Posterity.

I Call these Papers, *A Second Part to a Brief History of the Times*; and I *Dedicate This Part* likewise to **Posterity**, as I did the *Other*; for the very Reasons given in my *Former*. That is to say; I reckon my *Credit*, my *Cause*, and my *Writings*, to be only *Safe* in the Hands of *Impartial Judges*. The *White-Horse-Consult*, I know, is as *Dead* as *Catilines Conspiracy*; and People will be Wond'ring perhaps, after so many Thousand Rheme of Paper spent upon *This Topique* already, to see the *same Man* go-on, *Calculating*, and *Harping* **still**, upon the *same Subject*. But let not the Reader Imagine, that I am now about to Murder the *Old Plot* over again; or to surfeit the World with

a *Nauseous*, and a *Needless Repetition* of things gone and past. The *Juggle* of the *Republican Intrigue*, in Every *Part*, *Branch*, and *Member* of it, has been over and over laid as *Open* as ever *Day-Light* and *Demonstration* Expos'd any thing: and so have the *Practices* and the *Managers* of the *Project*. Neither is the *Infamy* of the *Witnesses* less *Notorious*; for the bringing of *Otes* to *Justice*, has brought the *Truth* to *Light*, and the *Curse* of *Cain* is gone out against them. [The *Voice of thy Brothers Bloud* (says the Text) *Cryeth unto me from the Ground*. *A* Fugitive, *and a* Vagabond *shalt thou be in the Earth*. Gen. 4. v. 11. 12.] Let any man but look about him now, and see, if *This Malediction* has not most *Judicially* Pursued them, to the Uttermost Degree of *Misery*, and *Contempt*. To Sum up the Whole in a Little; The *Cheat* of the *Plot*; the *League* and *Address* of the *Conspirators*, and the *Hypocrisy*

of the *Pretext*, are Points made out in the face of the Sun beyond *Doubt*, or *Contradiction*; and the *Mobile*, in Good time, Deliver'd from the *Incantation* of *That Epidemical Impoſture*.

But ſtill, though 'tis Evident paſt all Diſpute, that the *Suppoſed Plot it ſelf* was a *Cheat*; and no other then a *Treaſonous Confederacy* at the *Root*; Yet how *That Plot* came firſt into *Play*, and the *Shamm* of it to be Handed into the *World*, and to get *Credit* in't, is a Queſtion that has not as yet been much *Enquir'd* into, though as *Neceſſary* perchance, to be *Truly Underſtood*, as any other Part of That Hiſtory: And the rather, for the *Light* it will give to the *Order*, and *Coherence* of all the *Reſt*; for the *Tracing* of a Story, *ſtep* by *ſtep* is the moſt *Natural Method* toward the finding out of the *Truth*: Beſide, that upon an *Impartial View* of the *Whole*, and of Every *Part* of the Matter in hand, Men will be better able to *Judge*,

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dient which they found out) with the very *Same Intent* and *Design* upon *Charles the Second*; No less then upon the *Rights*, and *Person* of his Royal *Brother*, Our *Present Sovereign*, *whom God long Preserve. These* two *Conspiracies* were *Cover'd* under the *Pretended Necessity* of *a Common League of Union, and Defence*: and there were *Two Imaginary Plots* also, to *Answer* as well as to *Countenance* These Two *Real Conspiracies*; The *One* (as I sayd e'en now) was *Habernfelds*, the *Other*, *Tongs*; *Cheats* **Both**, and of the very *Same Make*, and *Cut*; but as *True* however, to the End they were *Made* for, as a Pair of *False Dice* to the Interest of the *Caster*. If I may lead the *Allegory* a *Step further*; the *People* were to be *Bubbled*; the *Table* was *Set*, the *Battle begun*; the *Shappers carry'd all before 'em*, while the *By-Standers*, (That is to say the *Multitude*) that were to *Judge* the Points in *Controversy*, understood Nothing at all,

all, either of the *Trick*, or of the *Play*. Neither in Truth, was it for *Every Common Eye* to *Diſcern* the *Abuſe*. *Some* were blinded with *Prepoſſeſſion*; *Others*, *Miſled* for want of *Good Heed* and *Attention*; *Some* again were *Short-ſighted*; and *Some* perhaps, too *Charitable* to ſuſpect the *Worſt* of Things: But briefly the *Plot* of 1678 was an *Impoſture*, and there were thoſe that *Knew* as much, and ſaw *Thorough* it upon the Firſt bringing of the very *Pretence* upon the *Stage*. *Some* I ſay, that ſaw *Thorough* it, and yet made the *Moſt* on't; to the Hazzard of the *King*, the *Royal Family*, and the *Three Kingdoms*. I am not without *Pregnant Inſtances*, and *Great Authorities* to *Back* me in *This Opinion*, over and above the *Hiſtorical* Courſe of *Parliamentary Reſolutions*; *Votes*, *Orders*, and *Addreſſes*, which I have lately publiſh'd in a *Former Part*, upon *This Subject*, and *Grounded* upon *Thoſe Evidences*, as a *Demonſtrative Proof* of what

what I take upon me to Affirm. The *Thing* is *Clear*, and *True*; *Fit* to be *Known*, and *Worthy* of a *Sober Conſideration*; for how can any Man Beſtow a Thought *Better*, then upon the *Means* of *Diſtinguiſhing Right* from *Wrong*; *Truth* from *Falſhood*; *Hypocriſy* from *Good Faith*; The *Means* I ſay, of Setting Men *Right* in their *Underſtandings*, and in their *Duties*; and of *Undeceiving* the *People*, in a *Matter*, where *Miſunderſtandings*, and *Miſtakes* are of ſo *Mortal* a *Conſequence* to the *Well-being* of the *Publique*? I took This *Hint* from the *Poſtſcript* to my *Laſt*; Reſolving within myſelf to ſay ſomewhat *farther* upon it in my *Next*, then I had, at That Time, either *Will*, or *Leiſure* to do: So that I ſhall *Begin*, where I *left off*; and proceed from *Thence*, to a more *Particular Enquiry* into the Story of This *Intrigue*.

And in *This* Place, I muſt give the Reader to Underſtand; that whoever looks

looks for the *Date*, or the *Myſtery* of the *Pretended Popiſh Plot*, in *Otes's Pretended Narrative* of it, will have *his Labour for his Pains*; for *Otes* was neither the *Inventer*, of the *One*, nor the *Author* of the *Other*; any further, then as he follow'd *Dr Tong's Directions*; *Swore* to *Dr Tong's Words*, and *Wrote* after *Dr Tong's Copy*. So that *Tong* is the *Oracle* we are to *Conſult* for the *Revelations* of *Titus*. Some there are, I know, that will have the *Original Contrivance* to be the Work of *Shaftsbury*, and his *Cabal*; when, in Truth, they did only *Refine* upon, and *Emprove Materials* that were brought *ready to their Hands*; and to give them their Due, they had *That Talent* beyond All that ever went *before* them. For in the Caſe of *Fears* and *Jelouſies*, (the *Old way of* Proceeding) the *Advance* is only *Gradual*; the *Dangerous Conſequences* at a *Diſtance*; and the *Evils* yet to *Come*; The *Treaſons*, *Maſſacres*, *Murders*,

Murders, &c. are all but in Vi-
on; and men have the Patience to
Wait for the *Operation* of *Imaginary*
Cauſes at the *Long-Run*: But our
Modern *Plot-Drivers* have found out
a way to put the Multitude into a *Pre-*
ſent Poſſeſſion of their very *Fore-bo-*
dings; and, in the Name of the
Law, and under the Countenance of
his Majeſties Courts of Juſtice, to do
the Whole Work at a *Heat*. *Swear-*
ring is *Proving*, and *Proving* is *Hang-*
ing; and a Brace of *Knights of the*
Poſt upon the *Spot*, will do *Forty times*
more Execution then the *Dogging* of
a *Plot* out at *Length*; A *Bloudy Con-*
ſpiracy, *Sign'd*, *Seal'd*, and *Deliver'd*,
upon the *Faith*, and *Reputation* of
Two or Three [**So help me God's**]
makes Infinitely ſurer Work on't,
then the *Bare Preſage* of a *Deſtruction*,
Future, and *Uncertain*, upon any *Po-*
litical or *Conjectural Calculation* what-
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our *Late Impoſtors*. They had *Swear-*

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ers at *Command*; *Powerfull Patrons*, and *Mediators*, for the *Encouraging*, *Protecting*, and *Rewarding* of *Perjuries*; and *Two False Oaths* to a *Fact*, though never so Incredible, with a *Commons-Address* to *Back* it, is as *Certain Death*, as a *Screw'd-Gun*, or a *Silver-Bullet*. By the Help of *This Invention*, they had *Witnesses*, *Juries*, *Advocates of the Long Robe of All sorts*; *Votes*, *Ryots*, *and Tumults* at their *Beck*, and found out so *Sure*, and so *short* a way, to their Journeys End, it would have been a *Madness* to run the *Risque* of Attempting *That* by *Fallacy*, and *False Reasoning*, which they could not fail of bringing about, by the Dint of *False-Swearing*.

To Conclude; That which in Common Acceptation has pass'd so many Years for *Otes's Plot*, will be found no more at Last, then a *Transcript* of *Tong's*; as *Tong's* was, Effectually, of *Habernfeld's*: and I have very Good Authority to Support me in

in this Opinion. So that *Otes* has been but a *Tool* all this while, and a *sorry one too*, God Wot, to make such a Busſle in the World, ſo long as he has done. But to come to my Matter; we'le firſt take the *Plot*, (ſuch as it was Sworn to be before the King and Councell) with Sir *Will. Jones's* *Report upon the State of the Evidence*: And we'le *Then* look back for the Head of This *Nile*; and ſo Trace the Courſe of it into the *Branches*, which I have Divided into Ten Chapters, according to the *Order* of the following *Method*.

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PART II.

CHAP. I.

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IN the Handling of this Text, there are *Two General Points*, that I have ſtill laid the Main Streſs of all my Diſcourſes, and Thoughts upon: *Firſt*, That the very Story of the *Popiſh Deſign* upon the *Kings Perſon*, *Crown* and *Dignity*, was an *Impoſture* in the *Original Conception* of it.

Secondly, That the very *Same* Treasonous Design, was *Couch'd*, and *Carry'd-on*, by *Another Party*, in Truth, and in Earnest, Under the *Cover* of *That* in Common Fame, and Imagination. I have so far Clear'd my way to This Question, that in the *Fifth Part of This Brief History*, I have *Link'd* together the *Entire Chain* of This Project, by such a *Connexion* of *Orderly*, and *Parliamentary Proceedings*, that there's not so much as *one Gap* in the *Series*; Not *one Knot* in the whole Thrid of the *History*. The *Exhibita* I make use of, are *their Own Papers*, and *Journals*: The *Inferences*, as *Natural*, as it is Possible to *Imagine*, from a *Congruity* of *Premisses*: And the *Deduction* of Things, is so *Full*, so *Plain*, *Faithfull*, and *Regular*, that, for so much as is There Pretended to, the Work is done *Once for All*; and *Unanswerable for Ever*. It sticks only, that I *Write* under a *Prejudice*, and make *Ill Things Worse* then they *Are*; which forces me to look out a Little for some more *Popular Authority* then my *Own*, to Support my self upon.

Sir W. Jones Order'd to make a State of the Evidence.

Upon the Opening of *Tong's* (commonly called *Otes's*) *Plot*, Sir *William Jones*, the Kings *Attorney General*, was order'd by his Majesty in Councill, *Octob.* 16. 1678. to *make a State of the Evidence*, against *Dr. Fogarty*, *John Fenwick*, *Edward Petre*, *John Grove*, *William Ireland*, *John Smith*, *Tho. Jennison*, *Tho. Pickering*, and *Richard Langhorn*, (then *Pris'ners* in *Newgate*, for *High Treason*) *in Plotting, and Attempting to Assassinate his Majesties Royal Person:* To which End, *Otes's Narrative*, and *other Papers of Enformation*, were Transmitted by the Clerks of the Councill to the *Atturney General*, who, upon Perusal of them, Returned his Report under the Title of [A State of the Evidence

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Dated *Octob.* 18. 1678. and Subscribed [*W. JONES*] The *Report* is *Long*, and the Greatest Part of it *Narration* only; which is Little or Nothing to our purpose: So that Abstracting the one from the other, I shall only make use of what may serve to the Clearing of the matter in hand.

The Stress of All lies upon Otes's Credit.

If (says Mr. Attorny) *the Testimony of* Titus Otes *be to be Credited*; *and* If *a Single Witness in this Case of* High Treason *is Sufficient*; *without All Question, This Horrible, and Execrable Treason is Fully and most Evidently Prov'd, not only as to the Wicked Design in General*; *but as to every one of these Particular Persons.*] This is no more then to say, That If *Otes* Be to be *Credited*, the *Charge* is so far *Prov'd*: If he be Not to be *Credited*, the *Information* falls to the *Ground.*

The Pinch lies here, upon *Otes'es Credit*, and a *Single Testimony*; with an [*IF*] to *Both.* And a Little Lower, he referrs to his *Narrative*, and other *Examinations*, with the *same Qualification* still, *i. e.* [*IF*] what he *Swears* be [True:] Concluding that the *Probability* of *Particulars* doth much depend upon the *Truth* of the *General.* This was a Judgment grounded upon *Honour* and *Justice*; And if This Rule had been Observ'd in the Following *Tryals*; (That is to say, if the *Detecting* of him to be *Corruptly*, and *Willfully Forsworn* in *some* Cases, should have Blasted his *Evidence* in *All*) a great deal of *Innocent Bloud* might have been sav'd, which, for ought I know, stands at This day upon Accompt for the Nation it self to answer for. The Next Thing Remarkable is his *Report* upon the *Five Windsor Letters*, (as they are Call'd.)

The Contents of the Five Windsor Letters.

There are allso Certain Letters; (he says) Five *in* Number, *which are All Directed to* Mr. Bedingfield *at* Windsor; One *of them Subscribed* Nich. Blundel, *and Dated* Aug. 29. *Superscribed Thus*: [For *Mr. Bedingfield* at his Lodgings in *Windsor*;] *Leave This with the* Post-Master *at* Windsor, *to be Delivered to him. The Effect of which Letter, as to the Present Purpose, is, that* Blundel *was very Carefull of Encouraging* W. *and* P. (*by which is conceiv'd to be meant* Grove *and* Pickering; *who, as* Otes *hath before Deposed, hath Undertaken to* Assassinate *his* Majesty) *to put on strong Resolutions; And that if the Business hit not at* Windsor, *to be ready to attend* 48. *which, as* Mr. Otes *before Deposeth, signifieth* the KING.]

It further saith, that [*Ours here are very Devout, that after so long Patience they may Enjoy* Catholique Religion *in a way more Publique then now they do. Certainly we can never fail, since we have so many Strings to our Bow.* 48 *is secure, and All our Party very Faithful.*]

The Other Four *were all enclos'd in* One Cover. *The* First *whereof, subscribed* John Fenwick, *and superscribed* For Mr Bedingfield at Windsor. *Recommended to the* Post-Master *there, 'till he should Call for it. This Letter is Dated the 26th of* August, *without the Year, and so much thereof as concerns the Present Matter, is, that* 48 is prepar'd for, *and you are desired to be Kind to the* Four Worthy Persons of the Irish Nation, *that are Vigilant Good Men, and will do Service for us in These Parts. They are* Religious, *and though not of the* Society, *yet Lovers of* Us, *and are resolved to Joyn Issue with us in* Dispatching Forty-Eight.

A Third *Letter, which was Enclos'd in the same Cover, is Subscribed* FOGOTY, *without* Date, *or Superscription, or* Seal, *only it Begins with* Good Mr. Benyfield

Benyfield. *That which is therein Contained relating to This Matter, is, that he prays* Mr. Benyfield *to be Kind to Thoſe* Four Countrymen *of his, who are Good Men, and would do the Buſineſs.*

A Fourth (*which was alſo in the ſame Cover*) *is ſubſcribed* Irland, *Directed to* Mr. Benyfield, *and Dated at* Flamſtead, Auguſt. 1. 1678. *It Imports, that there is No Need of Telling him their Good Succeſs, becauſe Intimated already. That they did Expect* Mr. Fenwick *Every day to give them Account of the Progreſs made in the Buſineſs of* 48. *and prays him to be Carefull of it's Diſpatch, if Poſſible.*]

The Fifth, *and* Laſt *Letter bears Date as the Laſt, and alſo from* Flamſtead, *ſubſcribed* T. White, *and is Directed to* Mr. Benyfield. *So much thereof as Concerns the Matter in hand, is, to beg him to* Encourage Fogoty, *and the reſt of* Ours.

Theſe Letters, if they can be ſo Prov'd, as to be Believ'd to be the Hands of the ſeveral Perſons by whom they are ſaid to be Written; do fully make out the Guilt of the Writers, and do much Confirm all the reſt that hath been Depoſed by Mr. Otes.

Mr. Otes *hath Depoſed them to be the Hands of the Perſons whoſe Names are ſubſcribed; and being ſhew'd the Letters, was able, upon the ſight of ſome Few Lines of them, Hiding the Name, to ſay whoſe Letter Each was; which, the Name being Diſcover'd, prov'd to fall out accordingly; and This he did readily, and without Heſitation. And farther he ſaid, that though the* Spelling *of* Mr. Bedingfields Name, *and of the* Writers Names, *do not agree with the* Right Spelling, *that it is an Uſual Art of the* Jeſuits, *purpoſely to Commit ſuch Faults to* Diſguiſe *themſelves if the Letters ſhould be found: And further, that though the Hands Themſelves do not agree with what they do at other times write, yet That is purpoſely done to*

Prevent Discovery, and that he is well acquainted with These their assumed Hands; *and knows the way of writing, not only of These, but of about Eighty of the said Society.*

Objections against the Five Letters.

But Against *the* Truth *of the said Letters, there were* many Objections; Some by the Prisoners, Others *from the* Letters Themselves, *and* the way of their Coming to Light: *The Particulars thereof, as they are* Many, *and some Resulting from the Inspection of the* Letters Themselves, *so I doubt not but the same are fully remembred by your Majesty.*

Toward the Stating of the Case in hand; the *Attorny-General*, among Other Papers of Enformation had the *Five Jesuits Letters*, it seems, to work upon: And all the world knows, that Sr. *William Jones* was as good at *Hitting a Blot* in an *Evidence*, and laying his Finger upon the *Pinch* of the *Question*, as any Man Living: So that having These Pieces before him, it may reasonably be Presum'd, that upon *Comparing Circumstances*, and *Weighing* one thing with Another, he saw far enough into the *Merits* of the *Cause*, and the *Mystery* of that *Intrigue*, without any Need of an *Observators Spectacles*. But however, I shall rather Produce the *Letters Themselves* here, to tell their own Tale, and leave it Indifferently, to any Sober Person to Consider, what *Opinion*, so *Wise*, and so *Wary* a Man as Sr *William Jones* could entertain of These Papers.

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The Five *Windſor* Letters, Commonly called the Jeſuits Letters.

Mr Bennyfield

(1) *Mr* White *is now about to come for—— and I ſuppoſe there will bee noe Neceſſity of telling you of our good Succeſs hitherto becauſe intimated to you already wee Expect* Mr FenwickE *with us euery day to giue us an account of your progreſs made in the BUISNES of* 48 *I pray bee carefull of its diſpatch if poſſible I will ſay noe more but that I am yours*

Flamſted Aug 1*ſt* 78 IRLAND

For mr Bennyfield *with care,*

Sr

(2) *I can now give you noe further Intelligence of our affaires but that I heare our affaires in* IRLAND *ſtand in a good condition and I am informed our friends are arriued ſafely to* Scotland *and have made a good begining there let mee begg of you to incourage* FOGOTY *and the reſt of ours; I praiſe god Almighty I am ſtill in good heart yet not without ſome apprehenſion of croſſing the Seas becauſe of my weaknes mr Aſhby is ready I heare to Come from the bath I pray make my Lord* BRUNEL *acquainted (if you think it Convenient) with our deſignes I will tell you more when I ſee you I therefore reſt*

Your Loueing Friend

Flamſted Aug: 1*ſt* 78 T White

for mr Bennyfield Windſore.

Mr Bennifield

(3) *Yours of the eightht instant arriued safely to our hands and wee are glad of your care and Industry and am now to giue you to understand that our affairs in the kindgom of* IRLAND *stand well & his grace of* Dublin *is not onely kinde to us but also industrious for the promotion of our good designes there and question not but to accomplish them* Ormond *wold fain bee friends with the Catholique party but wee must neither trust him nor let him—— much longer* forty eight *is prepared for and you are desired to bee kinde to four worthy persons of the Irish nation that are Vigilent good men and will doe seruice for vs in those parts they are religious and though not of our Society yet loners of vs and are resolued to Joyn Issue with vs in the Concernes of dispatching* forty eight *I am Just now for St O with some young Ladies and may Chance returne home with our master you haue heard I suppose of the Contents by Mr* Stratford *I am in hast and therefore Conclude and rest yours to serue you*

Lot: Aug: 26 Jno Fenwicke

recommend me to mr Coleman *I hope* J. K. *will bee with you to take a little Fresh air*

For mr Bennyfield *at* Windsore *recommended to the* Postmaster *there til hee shall Call for it* Windsore

Good mr Bennifield

(4) *I am sorry I haue not had the happynes of one line from you since you left* london *my good Friend his grace of* Dublin *is in very good health and did let mee haue the fauour of line or two from him and tells mee that* Ormond *is as much out with the Protestants as euer he was with the Catholiques to gratifie them he hath giuen them commissions but that will not doe the BUISNES now*

hee

hee will never gain his credit more with vs I pray bee kinde to those four countrymen of mine who are good men I assure you and will do the BVISNES I am in hast and rest your lo: Friend

FOGOTY

Dear Sr

(5) *the present affaire wee haue in hand giues the occasion of a line or two to let you understand that* IRLAND *is now in an excellent posture & his grace of* Dublin *is very Industrious in the management of the BVISNES and our master has ordered* F *to advertise ours of it I haue given* HARCOT *and* Jennison *notice of it & so I haue to* Keines *I am very carefull of encourageing* W *and* P *to put on strong resolutions if the BVISNES hit not at* Windsor *to bee ready to attend* forty Eight *and if* GW *doe but Hitt the BVISNES here* Scotland *will come into us* viz *the C party and then the work is done ours here are very deuout that after so long patience they may enjoy cath Religion in a way more Publique then now they doe and certeinly wee can never faile since wee have so many strings to our Bow* forty Eight *is secure and all our party uery faithfull my kinde respects to you and honest Mr* Coleman *as for* Smith *hee is dailie in his intelligence and care is taken for sending it to* Flamsted *I have no more but that I am yours*

Aug 29 Nich Blundel

For Mr Bennifield *att his lodgings in* Windsor *leave this with the Post master att* Windsor *to be deliuered to him* Windsor.

These

The Windsor-Letters a Plain Forgery.

These Letters were formerly Pu-
lish'd at Length, with *Notes* up-
them: *October*, 1684. *Observa-*
150. 151. 152. 153. *Vol.* 2. But
Fraud being so *Palpable*, and the *Forgery* so *Manif-*
and This Place so Proper for the Exposing of
Imposture, I shall here go over with them once agai-

Not one Comma, or Point in them All.

First, there is not so much as o-
Stop, *Point*, or *Comma*, or any
Note of Distinction, in all the
Letters; which, from *Five M-*
(and no more) Men of *Business*, *Learning*, and
trigue, at the *same Time*, and in the *same Case*,
never heard of perhaps in the World before. There
('tis True) in *Whites Letter*, after the Word [*Dun-*
a *Mark* that has some *Resemblance* of a *Semicolon*:
seems to be rather the *Dab* of a *Pen* by *Cha-*

They are All Spell'd False the same way.

2*ly*, There are several Gross *M-*
Spellings, *White* Writes Lord [*BR-*
NAL,] for *Brudenell*: *Blundel*
[*HARCOT*,] for *Harcourt*:
Five Write [*BENNYFIELD*,] for *Bedingfi-*
Ireland writes himself [*IRLAND*,] *Blundell* Spe-
the Kingdom, [*IRLAND*,] too. *Fogarthy* Spe-
his own Name [*FOGOTY*,] and *White* Writes
[*FOGOTY*,] also. Business by Three of the Fi-
(and as often as the Word Occurrs) is Spel-
[BUISNES.] The Words Noe, Doe, So,
Spell'd in All Five with an E.

3*ly*, The Resemblance of the *Matter* of Th-
Letters is very Extraordinary.

All of a Cast for Style & Matter.

[*Our Affairs in* [*IRLAND*] *s-*
in a Good Condition,] says *Whi-*
Our Affairs in the Kingdom of I-
LAND stand Well, says *Fenwi-*
IRLAN-

IRLAND is now in an Excellent Posture, says *Blundels*

His Grace of **Dublin** *is not only Kind to us, but.* **Industrious**, says *Fenwick. His Grace of* Dublin *is very* **Industrious**; says *Blundel.*

And so *Fenwick* and *Fogarthy* agree upon't, *that* Ormond *is quite lost with the* Catholiques.

You are Desired to be kind to **four Worthy Persons** *of the* Irish *Nation that are Vigilant,* **Good Men**, *and will do Service for us in Those Parts*, says *Fenwick. I Pray be kind to those* **four Country-Men** *of Mine, who are* **Good Men** *I assure you and will do the* **Business**, says *Fogoty.*

Plain Treason to no manner of Purpose.

4*ly*, There's something Further Remarkable in the *Contrivance*, and *Congruity* of these Papers. The *St. Omers-Letters* have Nothing at all in them but what's *Dangerous*, and *Impertinent. White* is for **Encouraging Fogoty** and the rest. **Irland** is for **Dispatching** 48. What Needed This over again, when *Otes* Swears they were Under *Sacraments* allready to go on thorough-stitch without any more to do? So that These Letters were only *Written* to be *Intercepted. White* gives *Bennyfield* an Account from *St. Omers* to *Windsor*, of Proceedings in *Irland* and *Scotland*: Most Ridiculously sure, when the *Jesuits* in *London* might have done it better, and much more securely, nearer Hand. And so for News; *White* writes from *St. Omers* to *Windsor*, that *Ashby* is ready to come from the *Bath.*

All the Marks of Fraud upon them

Now to put All together; For *Five Men of Letters*, to Write without any *Point*, *Comma*, or Mark of *Distinction*; To write *their Own*, and *one Anothers Names*, **False**, *the* **Same Way**; To write *False English*, and the **Same** *False English*: To agree in the *Same Ayre* of *Foppery*, and *Affectation*;

tion; Nay, in the *Same Words*, *Solæciſms*, *Nonſenſe*; Nothing leſs then an *Inſpiration* could wrought the *Miracle* of *This Agreement*. Inſom that whoever Compares the *Confuſion* of *Period Blunders*, both of *Thought*, and of *Expreſſion*; the very Strokes of the *Pen*, with *Tong*'s and *Papers*; (for I have the *Originals*, and abunda of *Both* their *Hand-writing* to *Confront* them wi will Inevitably find them to be *Counterfeits*, *Otes* aſſiſted *Tonge* as an *Ammanuenſis*, in Tran bing ſome of the *Copies*. But *Otes* will needs perſ the King and Councel, that it was the Art of *Jeſuits* to *Miſ-ſpell* Harcot, and Bennyfield, for a *guiſe*, if Letters ſhould be found; and ſo to w *Feign'd Hands*, to Prevent *Diſcovery*. Were t ever ſuch *Buzzards* as Theſe men of *Art*, to Harcot a *Cypher* for *Harcourt*; or Bennyfield *Bedingfield?* when the *Perſons* would be as well kn by the *Falſe ſpelling*, as by the *True*! How can They had not a *Diſguiſe*, for *White*, *Fenwick*, *Blundel*, as well as for the *Other Two*? But T Poor Men were left with their *Right Names* to their Fortunes. Burnal for *Brudenal* was *An* piece of *Art* too; And ſo was Irland the Plan well as Irland the Father, for fear they ſhould k what *Kingdom* he meant. They all of them w *Buſineſs* with an *I*, in the Firſt Syllable: and they do All their Noe's Moe's Soe's, with an the End; which is ſtill *Tong*'s way of writing. *Otes* Depoſes, over and above, that he is able Swear to the *Feigned Names*, and *Hands*, not o of *Theſe*, but of *about Eighty* more of the *Society*.

And there are Things very *Remarkable* alſo, e about the *Paper* it ſelf. The *Two Flamſteds* are a *French Flower-de-luce Mark'd Paper*; the very *Size*, and *Mark*; The *Other Three* are of a *Cut* Gr

Pape

Paper; All of the *Same Mark*; And of the *Same Size* too, to a *Hair*. I Obſerve again; That the *Two Flamſteds*, (or *St Omers-Letters*) are Written in a *Thick* Paper; And the *Other Three* (Suppos'd from *London* to *Windſor*) in a *Thin* Paper; Contrary to the *Uſage* of *Both* Places. Theſe *Letters* are *Two, Whole-Sheets*, and the *Third*, a *Half* One; All Cut, and *Match'd*, as if they came out of the *Same Quire*. If they were *All* Together when they *Wrote*, & Uſed the *Same Paper*; why the *Same thing Over and Over*, to the *Same Perſon*: When *One Letter* would have done as *Well?* If at Several Places; 'tis Odd, they ſhould *All* chop upon the *Same Paper*.

Was not This a likely Foolery to Impoſe upon Sr. *William Jones* now? It is much indeed, that *Otes*, ſhould, without any Heſitation, upon the ſight of a few Lines without the *Name*, ſay, *This is ſuch a ones Hand* (as is ſet forth in the Report) But it was a great deal *More* for him to *Swear* to the *Character*, further then Another Man could Diſcern the *Ink*: Eſpecially for an *Owl-Ey'd Fellow*, that could not ſee *Coleman* by Candle-Light, when he was juſt at his *Noſe End*. In a word; Sr. *William Jones* had the *Originals*, and the *Matter* whole *before* him, and what Thoughts he had of the Truth of *Otes'es Depoſition*, and the *Probity* of the *Witneſs*, cannot but be obvious certainly to any Man of Senſe, that does but Conſider the *Inconſiſtences* of the *Story*; The *Extravagant Improbabilities* of the *Evidence*; The *Character* of the *Deponent*, and the *Difficulty* of Putting a *Cheat* upon him that was to make the Scrutiny. There is not ſo much as one of the Inſtances above-mentioned, that does not Carry *Fraud*, *Folly*, and *Conſpiracy*, in the *Face* on't; and the *Impoſture* lay ſo *Open*, that it was a Miracle how Mr. *Attorny* came to *Miſs* it. He

does,

does, in General Terms, Acknowledge [many C
jections, *both from the* Priſoners; *The* Letters the
ſelves, *and* the Way (he ſays) of their Coming
Light;] but remits the *Particulars* to *his Maje*
Judgment and *Memory*, without *Naming*, or ſo m
as *Pointing* at them. Though he very well knew t
the Late King *Pronounced* them *Counterfeits*, as fu
as he *ſaw* them; and that both *Tonge* and *Otes* we
Concern'd in the *Practice*.

The Deſign of the Windſor Pacquet ſpoil'd.

The *Deſign* of This *Pacquet* w
to have it ſnapt-up at the *Letter-O*
fice, and ſo made uſe of in *Evid*
againſt *Bedingfield*, as a *Wonder*
Diſcovery; but *Bedingfield*, by good hap, taking
his own Letters, That *Bout*, (which he never
Before) ſmelt out a Contrivance, *Himſelf*, and w
the *Firſt Man* that *Complain'd* of it. So that He t
was Marked out for the *Traytor*, by *That Provide*
became the *Diſcoverer*.

The Manner of the Diſappointment.

The ſhort of the Buſineſs w
This. *Father Bedingfield* was goi
to *Monſieur De Puy*, and ſeeing
Maile, ask'd if they had any Lette
for him. They look'd, and there being a great *Pa*
quet they quickly found it and gave it him. Upo
Peruſal of the Papers, he obſerved the *Subſcriptio*
not to be the *Hands* of the *Pretended Subſcriber*
ſuſpected ſome Villany in the Bottom; and ſo Ca
ry'd the Papers Immediately to His *Royal Highn*
and Deliver'd his Own Thoughts upon them. Th
Duke ſhew'd the Letters to His Late Majeſty; an
what opinion the *King Himſelf* had of This *Diſcov*
ry, we ſhall ſee by and by. *Monſieur De Puy*, in Thi
Interim, went to the *Poſt-Office*, and, for a Counte
nance, asked *if they had any Letters for Him?* They
ſaid, *No*; *and that if there had been any, they ſhou*
hav

have been sent him. He Demanded Then, if they had any Letters for one Mr. *Bedingfield*; They told him *what a Mighty Do there had been about that same* Mr. Bedingfield, *and they knew not how many People to ask for Letters for Him.*

Before I proceed any further upon This Story, it should be known by the way, that among Other Particulars that were deliver'd in Charge to Sr. *William Jones* to advise upon, there were *Articles* against *John Grove*, under the Name of *Honest William*, and against one *Pickering*, as two of the *Assassins* that were in a Conspiracy to *Murder* the *King*. I Pitch upon These Two by *Name*, because I find *Their Part*, and the *Transaction* about the *Windsor Letters*, very *Clearly*, and *Orderly* set forth, in a Discourse call'd [*An Impartial State of the Case of the Earl of* Danby, *&c.*] It was Printed in 1679. and speaks very Expressly to the Points here in hand. Mr. *Christopher Kirkby*, and Dr. *Tonge* Presented his Late Majesty, *Aug.* 13. 1678. with *Forty Three Articles* of *Otes's True Narrative* (*falsly so called*) in the *Hand-writing* of *Tonge*; which the King (going to *Windsor* the Day following) sent to the Earl of *Danby*; Appointing them to Attend his Lordship the *Next Morning*. Upon *Tong*'s Application to the Earl of *Danby* about the *Pretended Popish Plot*, his Lordship put several *Questions* to him, and Received his *Answers*, in Manner following.

Tonge Examin'd by the E. of Danby about Grove, and Pickering.

Quest. *Whether the Dr. knew Those Men who were Called* Honest William *and* Pickering, *who were Named in Those Papers* (the *Narrative*) *as Men Design'd to* Assassinate *the* King.

Answ. That they us'd to walk frequently in St. *James's-Park*, and if any Body were appointed to keep

keep him (the *Dr.*) Company, it was Two to One but he ſhould have an opportunity of letting the Perſon ſee One or Both of them in a Little Time.

Queſt. *If he knew where they Liv'd? for that it would be Neceſſary to Secure Thoſe Men forthwith.*

Anſw. He knew not at That time, but would Inform himſelf, and let his Lordſhip know very Speedily.

Hereupon his Lordſhip went Immediately to Windſor *and Acquainted the King, That* Dr Tong *had been with him according to his Majeſties Directions; And Informed his Majeſty of All that had Paſs'd, (ſhewing allſo the* Additional Paper *to thoſe which had been ſent his Lordſhip by his Majeſty) and that he had left a Servant at* London, *purpoſely to get a ſight of* Honeywood, William, *and* Pickering, *in order to the* Apprehending *of them if his Majeſty thought fit.*

The E. of D's Proceeding upon the Matter.

At This time his Lordſhip deſired the King, That one of the Secretaries might ſend a Warrant for the Apprehending them; and that, the matter being of ſuch Danger to his Majeſties Perſon, ſome more of the Council might be acquainted with it: *But his Majeſty would Neither let the Men be Apprehended, nor he were more Inform'd of the Deſign, nor would he ſuffer the Earl to ſpeak One Word to any Body of it, but on the Contrary Commanded the Earl ſhould not ſpeak of it ſo much as to* the Duke of York; *only ſaid, he would be very Carefull of himſelf, 'till he heard more.*

The Earl went from Windſor *to his Houſe at* Wimbleton, *directing, that if the Dr. had any thing more to ſay unto him of That Matter, he ſhould come to him thither, or ſend away That Gentleman the Earl had left to ſtay with him, to ſee the Men, and Learn their Lodgings; and to be Diligent in bringing any Intelligence which Required Haſte.*

According

Accordingly That Gentleman did go from London *to* Wimbleton *every Day, and back to the Doctor at Night; and did ſometimes bring* Additional Papers *to the* Former, *and brought Information of the Dwellings of* Honeſt William, *and* Pickering, *and brought word alſo from the Doctor, that he ſhould be able to give his Lordſhip Certain Notice before-hand, when any of them were to go to* Windſor: *Of All which the Earl never failed to give his Majeſty an Account, from time to time.*

Tongs Sham of the Ruffians going to Windſor.

Among other Informations, the Dr. went one Night to Wimbleton *himſelf, and told his Lordſhip that ſome of the Intended* Aſſaſſinates *were to go the next morning to* Windſor, *but that he could order it ſo that the Earls Gentleman ſhould go in the ſame Coach with them, or if the Coach ſhould be Full, he might go on Horſe-back in their Company, and watch them ſo as to give Notice of their Arrival, and take them more Conveniently that way, upon the Place, where they would not be able to give any account what they had to do there.*

Hereupon the Earl order'd this Gentleman to Obſerve the Drs. Directions, and went immediately himſelf to Windſor: *where he acquainted his Majeſty with All This, and order was taken for ſeizing Theſe Men at their Arrival at* Windſor: *But inſtead of That, the Gentleman brought word from the Dr. that* Something had Prevented their going that Day; *but that they intended their Journey the day Following, or within Two Days at fartheſt, but then alſo News was brought that* they were again Prevented, by one of their Horſes being ſlipt in the Shoulder; *or ſome ſuch Accident.*

The King believ'd Nothing at all of the Story.

Whereupon his Majeſty (who before *would not give* Credit *to it) did then take it for* ſo Meer a Fiction, *that Notwithſtanding all the Earl could ſay to get the Buſineſs Communicated to Others, beſides himſelf,*

self, the King was more Positive *not to Permit it, say-*
ing, He should Allarm all *England*, and put thoughts
of Killing him, into Peoples Heads, who had no such
thoughts before.

The Earl having done All that lay in his Power, and
having Business into Oxfordshire, *askt leave of his Ma-*
jesty to go thither (being but Twenty Two Miles from
Windsor, *whither he could return in half a day) and*
left Order at Wimbleton, *to have any thing Dispatch'd*
to him, that should come from Dr. Tonge.

The Sham of Bedingfields Pacquet.

Accordingly, in Three days after
came a Letter from the Doctor to the
Earl, giving Notice of a Pacquet of
Letters from Jesuits Concern'd in
the Plot, *which were to go to the* Post-House *in* Wind-
sor. *Directed to one* Bedingfield *a Priest: Whereupon*
the Earl returned immediately to Windsor, *and In-*
form'd his Majesty, shewing the Doctors Letter, and his
Majesty reply'd, that there was such a Pacquet had been
Deliver'd some Few hours before by the said *Beding-*
field, to the Duke of *York*; and that *Bedingfield had*
told the Duke, he fear'd some Ill was intended him by the
said Pacquet, because the Letters therein seem'd to be of a
Dangerous Nature, and that he was sure they were in
the Hand-writing *of the Persons whose Names were*
Subscribed *to the* Letters.

The Pacquet Confirm'd to be a Cheat.

This still begot Less Belief *in his*
Majesty that there was any Real Plot:
Insomuch, that I have heard the Earl
say, he doubted whether ever he had
been permitted to produce These Papers, and Intelligence
he had Received from Dr. Tonge, *if his Royal High-*
ness had not been Earnest to have the Truth of Those
Letters Examin'd, *which had been brought to him by Mr.*
Bedingfield; *by which means he got leave at the same*
time to produce the said Papers, *and* Letters *to the*
Council,

Councill, *and from Thence, they have all been Transmitted to* both Houſes of Parliament, *in one of which they remain at This Day.*

The Letters Produc'd to the Councill.

When they were firſt Produced to the Council, *&* Dr Tonge *brought thither to Atteſt them, the Dr. then ſaid,* He was Sorry they had been Diſclos'd ſo ſoon, and that it would have been much better, and more would have been Diſcovered, if the Bus'neſs had been kept Conceal'd ſome time longer. *Fol.* 14. 15. 16.

This *Narrative-Part* of the Story could not be well Omitted. But to return now to my Firſt Matter.

Sr W. Jones Privy to All.

The *Attorny-General* was *Manifeſtly Privy to Every Step of this Proceeding*; and ſaw the *Sham* Thorough and Thorough, in the very Act of *Diſcloſing* it. But upon the Winding-up of his Report, he comes a Little *Homer* to the *Point.*

And Convinc'd that Otes was an Impoſtor.

Some Objections *have been made* (ſays he) *as to the* Credit *of* Mr. Otes, *againſt* Some Particulars *of his Teſtimony, which Relate to the* General Deſign: *Wherein he is* Suppos'd *to be* Miſtaken. But becauſe thoſe Objections are Many, *and* Some *of them not made by Theſe* Priſoners, nor perhaps, Will be; *and becauſe I am not Certain what* Anſwer *he* Can *make to them, when they ſhall be* Objected *againſt him*; I think it fit not to Mention them in Particular; *but ſhall only Conclude, by making* Two Queſtions, *which, I Conceive, do properly belong to This Matter.*

1. *Whether the Evidence of* One Witneſs *be* Sufficient, *either to* Indict, *or* Convict *a Man of* High-Treaſon of This Nature?

2. *If it be* Not; *Whether here be any* Evidence *againſt* Theſe Particular Perſons, *beſides the* Single Teſtimony *of* Mr Otes?

18. Oct. 1678. *All which is Humbly Submitted.*

W. Jones.

Notes upon Sir W. Jones's Final Report.

With theſe Words, Sir *W. Jones* Cloſes his *Report*: Where, it is Remarkable, that he was *Conſcious* of *Objections* made, both *General*, and *Particular*; wherein *Otes* is, in a Soft way, [Suppoſed] *to be* Miſtaken. (Only [Suppoſed] That is, and only [Miſtaken.] But in the Next Line, Thoſe ſome *Objections* are grown to be Many; Though for the Comfort of the Cauſe, the *Priſoners* have not hit upon ſome of 'em as *Yet*, and perhaps never Will. And becauſe a body does not know what *Otes* Can be able to ſay for himſelf, if thoſe *Objections* ſhould come to be laid *Home* to him; Therefore, 'twere better to ſay *Nothing* of 'em, and e'en take the *Rogues* on the *Blind-ſide*, and *Hang-'em-up* for want of *Means* to make the *Beſt* of their *Defence*.

Let any Man lay Theſe Matters together now, *i. e.* The *Ridiculous Incongruities* of the *Enformation*, and of Theſe *Letters*. The *Preſence* of *Mind*, and the *Wonderfull Sagacity* of the *Attorny General*, to *Diſcern*, to *Sift*, and to *find-out* the *Truth*, and *Bottom* of ſuch a Caſe as This: with the *Tendency*, and *Biaſs* of his *Report*, and there will need no more to ſatisfy any Reaſonable Man, whether *Sr William Jones believes This Narrative-Plot* to be a *Real Conſpiracy*, or a *Counterfeit*. But if it ſhall appear, that he Suſpected it at *Firſt*, and gave Credit to it Afterwards, it is the only Inſtance that ever I met withall, of a Caſe wherein the *Reputation* of This *Plot*, *Mended upon* the *Mans Hands*. But the Beſt way of *Expounding* this *Great Man of Law*, will be to *Compare* what he *Thought* of it at *Firſt*, with what he *Did* in it *Afterward*. Not but that we have already, in ſight, abundantly enough to ſatisfy any Man with Eyes in his Head, how far *Otes* was to be *Credited* upon his *Veracity*; and what *Streſs* the *Attorny General* Himſelf lay'd upon his *Evidence*, which ſtood at *That Time* without a *Second* to *Support* it.

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CHAP. II.

An Extract *of ſome Paſſages out of the* Manage *of* Otes's Evidence, *in the* Proſecution *of it, Compar'd with* Sir W. Jones's Opinion, *and* Report, *as to the* Credit *of his* Teſtimony *at the Time of* Stating *it.*

Ignorance and Credulity gave the Plot Credit.

IF a Man would ſet himſelf to make a Reaſonable Eſtimate, in ſome Modeſt Degree of Proportion betwixt the *Believers*, and the *Diſbelievers* of the *Pretended Popiſh Plot*; a body, in my Conſcience, might Compute upon at leaſt *Nine and Thirty*, of *Forty parts of the Nation*, that in ſome Meaſure or other gave it *Credit*, for *One* that ſaw the *Impoſture* of it, from the very beginning. That is to ſay, thorough all the *Blinds*, *Pretexts*, and *Diſguiſes*, that were put upon us, from the *Barr*, the *Pulpit*, *Caballs*, *Coffee-Houſes*, *Committees*, *&c.* in favour of the *Deſign*. But the *Attorny General* was not a Perſon to be thus *Impos'd* upon; and to a Man that had *Seen*, *Obſerv'd*, and kept in his *Memory*, the *Practices*, and the *Methods* of the *Scottiſh* and *Engliſh Rebellions*, under *Charles the Firſt*, the *Story* of *Tong*, and *Otes*, was no more then *a Tale the Second Time Told*, and the *Common People*, that neither *Underſtood* the *Reaſon*, nor *Conſider'd* the *Iſſue* of things,

hung by the *Chopps* like *Griggs* upon the Bait of *Religion* and *Property*, though the *next remove*, was to be Effectually, from the *Worm* to the *Frying-Pan*. Briefly, where there was neither *Experience*, nor *Consideration*; but *Damned Perjuries* on the *One* side, to work upon *Good Nature*, and *Credulity*, on the *Other*: and neither the *Faculty* of *Distinguishing*, nor the *Means* of *Disproving*; what *Remedy* but *Patience*! till the *Scales* should fall from the Peoples *Eyes*, and till *Time*, and *Misery*, should bring them to their *Wits* and their *Duties* again, and so to a *Sight* of their *Sins*, by a *Sense* of their *Punishment*. The *Wisdom* of the *Multitude* does not lye so much in their *Heads*, as in their *Skins*, and their *Pockets*; Their *Feeling*, in their *Understanding*; and *Evil Consequences*, are Little more with *Them*, then that which they commonly call, *the Luck on't*. I have taken up This *Digression*, to the End that there may be no Place Left for the Drawing of any *Malevolent Inferences* from the *Head* that I am now upon.

Otes's Narrative was a Palpable Practice, and Sir W. J. knew as much.

There are *Three Things* here, wherein a Man may be *Positive*, with *Honesty*, *Discretion*, and *Good Manners*. 1. That *Otes* in his *Narrative*, and *Informations*, was directly *Felo de se*, as any Man may Unquestionably satisfy himself upon the *Reading* of 'em. To say nothing of his *Rank Absurdities*, and *Palpable Contradictions*, as they are Expos'd from one End to the other of the *Second Volume* of *Observators*. 2*ly*. That *Sir W. Jones Himself*, upon the *Stating* of the *Evidence* does more then Tacitly *Presume*, and *Acknowledge*, the *Great Unlikelyhood*, at least, if not the *Downright Incredibility* of his *Testimony*. 3*ly*. That it is very Hard to *Reconcile* the *Progress* of his *Prosecution*, to the *Tenor* of his *First Report*. And this Third, is the Point that I am

in This Place to *Purſue*, with a *Charity* for All *Errors*, and *Complyances*, upon *Miſenformation*, or *Miſtake*.

The Methods of a Faction.

It would have been *Morally Impoſſible*, for the *Conſpirators* of *One and Forty*, ever to have Gain'd their Point upon *Charles the Firſt*, without a *Proteſtation*, or *Covenant*, to *Unite* them: (as I have Hinted already) And the *Doctrine* of *Co-ordination*, to *Head* them, under the *Colour* of *a Quorum of the Three Eſtates*; They could never have brought their Ends about, I ſay, without This: Beſide, that after Theſe Two Steps Advanced, with *Impunity*, and *Succeſs*, the Work was more then *Half-done*: And over and above the Proportion betwixt the *Means*, and the *End*, the very *Attempt* of Theſe Encrochements upon their Prince, did Manifeſtly Import a *Deſign* of taking the *Sovereignty* into their own Hands. This They Attempted upon *Charles the Second*, in the *Aſſociation*, and in the *Bill of Excluſion*. The *Former*, was to *Unite*, and *Strengthen* the *Confederacy*; and the *Other* was to *Invade*, and to *Uſurp* upon the *Prerogative Royal*: And what had they more to do, after *Aſſuming Abſolute Power* to *Themſelves*, and *Tranſlating* the *Allegeance* of the People, from their *King* to their *Fellow-Subjects*, (which was Expreſsly the Caſe of their *Aſſociation*, and, in Conſequence, That of the *Bill of Excluſion* too) then to *Kill, and take Poſſeſſion?* Or, in a word, what could They Propoſe Leſs to Themſelves, by ſetting Theſe Practices *afoot*, then the *Subverſion* of the *State?* Only for the better *Face* of the Buſineſs, *Religion* is made a *Cloak* to their *Ambition*, and the *Crown* to be Secur'd in the Peoples Hands, for fear of *Popery*. But let it be either the One way or the Other, The Thing was to be done

done however, and whether by an *Ambitious Zeal* or a *Holy Ambition*, it Comes all to a Case.

There came out an *Octavo* in *Eighty One*, under the Title of [*An Exact Collection of the most Considerable Debates in the Honourable House of Commons, at the Parliament held at* Westminster *the* one and Twentieth of October, 1680.] The several Speeches therein are Introduc'd with the *Two First Letters*, as the Publisher intends them, of the *Speakers Name*. I take the matter as I find it. There are many Lewd things, 'tis True, reported in the Book, according to the *License* of the Times they were said to be Spoken in; but I have not, as yet met with any Exception to it, of *Falsity*, for the matters therein Deliver'd.

I do not here Propose the Strictnesses of a *Methodical Division*, in a Case where I have Scarce room barely to *Name* some Few *General Heads*, before I *Leave* them. Here's a *Plot Suppos'd*; The *Being* of it, *Presum'd*; and the *Danger* of it taken for *Granted*: Together with a *Formal Contemplation* of the *Rise* of it, the *Operations*, and the *Remedies*. I find Several Passages in this Book, under the Title of [*Sir W. J.*] Referring to all these Particulars. As for Instance.

UPON a Report maid by *Coll. Birch* of the Informations relating to the *Irish Plot*, &c. *Jan.* 6. 1681. *Sir W. J.* is represented Speaking in These Words.

Mr. Speaker,

Sir,

The Irish grounded upon Otes's English Plot.

'*The* Evidence *which you have heard at the* Bar, *and the* Report *which hath been* Read, *as to the* Popish Plot *in* Ireland, *is not only a* Plain Discovery

ry *of the* Dangerous, *and* Deplorable Condition *of the* Proteſtants *in* Ireland, *but a* Great Confirmation *of what* Dr. Otes, *and the reſt of the* Witneſſes, *have ſaid, as to the* Plot Here: *So that* Now [No Man can have any Excuſe for not Believing it; *but ſuch as are* Miſled *by* Others, *who* Know it too well, *becauſe they are* In *it. I Cannot but obſerve what a* Coherence *and* Agreement *there is, in the* Carrying on the Two Plots. Collections. p. 230.]

In Seventy Five, *and* Seventy Six, *all the Clergy in* Ireland *ſaid,* (*as* Fitzgerard *Depoſeth*) *that the Duke of* York *ſhould be* King *in* 1678. &c. *And doth it not appear by the* Witneſſes *here, that they Intended about That Time to* Cut-off the King; Maſſacre *moſt of the* Proteſtants, *and to* Conquer Others, &c. *And doth not This Agree, not only with* Dr Otes's Diſcovery, *but* Prances *too? p.* 231. And ſo he goes on, Deſcanting upon *Parallels* and *Reſemblances*, 'till at laſt, finding, that *All the Plots Center in the Duke of* York; he adviſes a *Declaration* to This Purpoſe.

The Duke of York made the Head of Both Plots.

That the Duke of York's *being a Papiſt, and the Expectation which That Party have of his coming ſuch to the Crown, have given the Greateſt Encouragement to the* Popiſh Plot *in* Ireland *as well as Here. p.* 233.

Sr W. J. propoſes a Declaration to That Effect.

This *Reſolve* leads to a *Bill of Excluſion*, without any more ado; and Sr *W. J.* is no leſs Earneſt for an *Aſſociation-Bill*; *Provided*, he ſays, *it might be made as it ſhould be.* p. 183.

For This Bill (ſays he) *muſt be much ſtronger then That in* Queen Elizabeth's Days; That *was for an* Aſſociation *only, after her* Death, *but I*

And a ſtrong Bill of Aſſociation.

cannot

cannot tell if such a Bill will Secure *us* Now; *the Circumstances we are under, being very* Different. *In Queen* Elizabeths days *the* Privy Councellors *were All for the* Queens Interest, *and* Now *for the Successor's*; Now, Most *of the* Privy Councellors *are for the* Successor, *and* Few *for the* King. Then *the Ministers Unanimously agreed to* keep-out Popery, *now we have too much reason to fear there are many that are for* Bringing-it-In. *In* Those days, *they* All *agreed to keep the* Popish Successor *in* Scotland; Now, *the Major part agreed to keep the* Successor Here: *All which must be consider'd, in drawing up the* Bill. p. 184.

He takes a great deal of pains, in Another place, to shew the *Danger* and *Necessity* of Things; and it is *Observable*, in the *Heat* of his *Course*; how he does Effectually, *Drop* the Bus'ness of the *Plot*, and Transferr the *Ground* of the *Exclusion* to a *Scruple* of *Religion*.

The Danger Transferr'd from the Popish Plot to the Religion.

As to the Danger, (Sr *W. J.* says) *It cannot be* Imagin'd *that the Great Body of* Protestants *which are in the Nation, will* Tamely *submit to the* Popish Yoak; *which they will in Time see, must be the* Consequence *of* Submitting *to a* Popish King; *without some* Struggling p. 91.] *The Safety of the King and Kingdom depends upon it.* p. 92. And so again: [*By assisting the* Popish Faction, *his Majesty is reduced to Great Difficulties and Trouble in the Administration of his* Regal Authority, *and the* Credit, Peace, *and* Tranquility *of the Nation, almost* Irrecoverably Lost, *As to All which the Art of Man cannot find out any Remedy, as long as there is a* Popish Successor, *and the* Fears *of a* Popish King; *And Therefore I humbly Move you This Bill may Pass.* p. 94.] That is to say *the Bill of Exclusion.*

[*Without*

[*Without the* Exclusion-Bill, *there can be no Expedient.* p. 192.] *All other Acts of Grace will but serve to Fatten us for the Slaughter of our Enemies.* p. 193.]

No Safety without a Bill of Exclusion.

I am against the Vote that was Propos'd, That the Dukes *being a* Papist *hath rendred him* Uncapable *of the* Crown; *for that were to take on us a* Legislative Power; *but let your Question be,* That it is the Opinion of This House that the *Kings Person, nor Protestant Religion* Cannot be Secure without That Bill. p. 248.]

Notes upon the Westminster Debates.

In the *First Suggestion*, there is not only a *Sedition Predicted*, but *Tacitly Encourag'd*, and the Question is no longer a *Popish Conspiracy*; but a *Popish Succession*: the *Apprehension* being now remov'd, from the *Plot*, to the *Religion*: So that the *Cause* was not the *Same*, in the *Political Agitation* of it, that it was in *Westminster-Hall* before *a Court of Justice*: For in the *One* Case, the *Duke* was to be *Disinherited* for being the *Presumptive Head* of the *Conspiracy*; And in the *Other*, he was to be *Precluded*, for being of the *Communion* of the Church of *Rome*. And it is very Notable Likewise, quite thorough, that there was not *One Argument* against the *Successor*, that was not Levell'd at the *King* in *Possession* too; And the Doctrine of *Excluding* his *Royal Highness*, did not only *Authorize* the *Deposing* of his *Late Majesty*, but had, many Years before, *Actually Cut-off*, the *Head* of his Blessed *Father*.

We have had *Sir W. Jones's Thoughts* already, upon *Otes* and his *Plot*, in his *State of the Evidence*: It comes now to be Enquired into, what Opinion *the same Sir William Jones* had, of the *Credit* of the *same Otes*, and the *same Plot*, at the *King's Bench* at *Westminister*, upon

upon the Tryals of *Green*, *Berry*, and *Hill*. Feb. 16 1679. And afterward, at the Tryal of *William* Viscount *Stafford*. &c. upon [*an Impeachment of the Commons of* England, *in* November *and* December 1680.] Upon a matter of *Four Months Consideration* in the *Former Tryal*, (Computing from his Stating the *Evidence Oct.* 18. 1678.) And above *Two Years time* to advise with his Second thoughts afterward in the *Latter*; wherein he acted as one of the Committee appointed to *Manage* the *Evidence*.

The Credit of the Plot lessen'd dayly.

I was saying somewhat e'en now, that upon the First starting of this *Mysterious Sham*, the *Topique* was *Popular*, and the *People* so prepar'd to be *Cozen'd*, that there was not *One Man* of *Forty*, but *Believ'd*, more or less of that *Romance*: though from that time to this, the *Credit* of it (God be Thanked,) has gone on, *Lessening* and *Lessening* still, 'till in the Conclusion, there's not *One Man* of a *Thousand* that does not look upon it, in his *Conscience*, and in his *Judgment*, to have been a *Bloudy* and a *Scandalous Cheat*; Now if *Sir William Jones* gave it more *Reputation*, after *Two Years Time* for *Scrutiny* and *Recollection*, and where the *Lives* of so many Men of *Honour*, *Faith*, and *Integrity* to their Prince, were at Stake upon the Issue of the *Cause*, then ever he thought it *Worthy* of, upon the *First Summing-up* of the *Depositions*, he was the *Only Man* certainly, of the three Kingdoms, of whom it may be said, that the *Longer* he *Consider'd* of it, the *Better* he *Lik'd* it. For it is *Naturally*, and *Reasonably* to be *Presum'd*, that he had all the *Informations*, and *Suggestions*, *Pro* and *Con*, under his Eye; and that if there were any *Considerable Number* of *Gross Contradictions*, and *Inconsistences* in the *Evidence*, he was Undoubtedly so much

Only it Mended upon Sir William Jones's Hand.

much *Maſter of his Buſ'neſs* as to *Retrieve*, and to *Diſcover* the *Intrigue*. So that taking for Granted, that he wanted neither *Means*, nor *Brains*, nor *Induſtry*; to Carry him the neareſt way to his *Journeys End*: it muſt be *Concluded*, that he *Saw* as much of the matter as was to be *Seen*; and that he *knew* as much of it as was to be *known*: But how far he *Emprov'd* thoſe *Advantages* to the Delivering of the *Innocent*, is Submitted to an *Impartial Cenſure*, and *Conſideration*, in that which Follows: And *Firſt*, upon the *Tryals* about *Sir Edmundbury Godfrey*.

Of Green, Berry, and Hill.

The Cauſe of *Green*, *Berry*, and *Hill*, 'tis True, was not ſo Properly *Otes'es Plot*; in *Strictneß*, as a *Superſtructure Rais'd* upon it: Though all the *Pretended Proofs* of the *General Plot*, *Involve* a *Juſtification* of *Otes'es*, as the *Foundation* of the *Whole Project*: Beſide that *Otes* could have done no more; without his *Coroborating Fellow-Swearers*, then *They* Could have done without His *Scheme* of *Articles* to Swear *by*. So that though the *Story* of *Godfrey* does not *Affect Otes* (to Borrow his own Word) Yet *Bedloe*, and *Prance* do *mightily affect* him, in *Lending* him *an Affidavit or two*, toward the *Crutching* up of an *Impotent Plot*, that by this time was *Lame of all Four*. Nay take the matter Aright, and according to the *Juſt Reaſon* of the *Thing*; *Green*, *Berry*, and *Hill*, were not *Hang'd* ſo much for *Godfrey*, as for *Otes*; for it was for the *Plots* ſake, that the *Murder* was brought-on; They wanted *Seconds* to the *Conſpiracy*, and ſo made uſe of *a freſh Brace of Miſcreants*, to *Kill Two Birds with One Stone*. They that would *Swear Falſe* to a *Plot*, would *Swear falſe* to a *Murder*; And they that would *Swear Falſe* to a *Murder*, would *Swear Falſe* to a *Plot*: So that begin where you will, *T'other* comes-on, in *Courſe*, and it breaks no Squares betwixt the *Devil*, and

and the *Client*, whether he Pawns his *Soul* for [illegible] *Perjury*, or for *Two*, or *which* goes *First*.

In the Tryals of *Green*, *Berry*, and *Hill*, *Mr. Attorny General* has these Words.

Sir W. J. upon Godfreys Murder.

My Lord, *As* Murder *is allways a very Great Crime*; *So the* Murder *which is now to be Tryed before your Lordship, is, it may be*, the Most Heinous and Barbarous that ever was Committed. *The Murder was Committed upon a* Gentleman *and upon a* Magistrate; *And I wish he had not* Therefore *he was* Murder'd, *because he was a* Protestant Magistrate. *Greens Tryal. fol.* 6.7.

If *Sir William Jones* had been Minded of *Antient Murder*, wherein both the *Gentleman*, the *Magistrate* and the *Protestant*, were *Maliciously*, and *Rebellious* brought to the *Scaffold*, in the *Person* of a Most *Gracious*, a *Pious*, and a *Lawfull Prince*, he would not, I hope, have accounted the *Murder* there in Question to have been *the most Heinous and Barbarous, that ever was Committed*: Especially Valuing himself, as he does, some Three or Four Lines after, upon the Pains he had taken for *the Perfect Understanding of This Affair*.

I (says he) *that have made a* Strict Examination *into this Matter, do find that I shall better spend my Time in making* Observations, *and shewing how the* Witnesses *do* Agree, After *the* Evidence *given, then* Before. *Ibid.*

This Declaration of *Mr Attorny*, reaches as well to *Otes's Plot*, as to *Godfreys Murder*; and it is already Granted, that he was as fully Possess'd of the *Whole Extent* of the Matter there in Question, as it was *Possible* for any Man to be, upon *Study*, *Search*, and *Enformation*. As to any thing purely relating to the Matter of *Sr Edmund-bury Godfrey*, I shall Remit my self upon that Particular, to *the Third Part of This*

This Brief Hiſtory, which I have Expreſsly Reſerv'd for a Diſcourſe upon That Subject.

In Fol. 7. of *Greens Tryal*, Mr. *Attorny* Grafts the *Murder* of *Godfrey* upon the *Diſcovery* of the *Late Horrid Plot*; and ſets forth how Induſtrious *Sr. Edmund* was *in finding out the Principal Actors in That Plot*; and how *Mortal* an *Enemy* to *Prieſts* and *Jeſuits*; Whereas it is Notoriouſly known, that he call'd *Otes* a *Rogue*, and a *Cheat*, from the very *Beginning*; and that he did many Good Offices to *Known Prieſts*, when he found them in Diſtreſs, to the Extreme hazzard, both of his *Perſon* and *Eſtate*. Let it Suffice, that I do here *Affirm* This to be *True*, and Oblige my ſelf to *Prove* it ſo, upon *Authorities Unqueſtionable*, hereafter.

Otes, Bedloe, and Prance Help out one another.

It is but matter of Courſe, for *Mules* (according to the *Adage*) to *Knab one another*; and ſo there's no Love Loſt betwixt *Otes*, *Prance*, and *Bedloe*: The *Two Latter* put their Shoulders to the helping of *Otes'es Plot* out *at a Dead Lift*; And *Thankfull Otes* does as much toward the Helping out of *Bedloe* and *Prance*, in *Sr Edmund-bury Godfreys Murder*. *Godfrey* told *Otes* a Tale, it ſeems, how the *Popiſh Lords* had Threaten'd him, and what a Fright he was in for fear of his *Life*, from the *Popiſh Party*; and how they had been ſeveral days *Dogging* of him. *Tryal. Fol.* 12. So that *Otes'es Teſtimony* ſome way or other, was the Life of the Cauſe all this while; and take away That *Pillar*, the whole *Building* ſinks into *Rubbiſh*: But to ſee now, at the Cloſe of the *Tryal*, and of the *Day*, how Mr. *Attorny* Bleſſes himſelf, to find Every thing made out ſo *Clear*, even to *Admiration*.

A Gross Partiality.

I intended (says he) *when I began to open the* Evidence, *to have made some* Observations *after the* Evidence Ended; *to shew how* Each Part *of it did* Agree, *and how the* Main *was* Strengthen'd *by* Concurring Circumstances: *But in Truth, the* Kings Evidence *did* [illegible] *out much better then I could Expect: And the Defence of the Prisoners much* Weaker *then I could foresee: that I think the* Proof *against the* Prisoners *is so* Strong *and so Little has been Alleged by them in their* Defence *that it would be but loss of Time to do what I at first intended.* fol. 71.] As to the *Strength* of the *Evidence* and the *Weakness* of the *Defence*; the *Tryal* is *Extant* and *let the Cause speak for it self.* But Thus however he goes on *Haranguing* upon the *Harmony* of the *Witnesses*, 'till at last he Crowns the *Exploit*, with an Address to the *Jury* in These Words.

Sr W. J's Enflaming Speech to the Jury.

I shall say no more, but Conclude [illegible] *the* Jury *with That* Saying *that I remember in the Book of* Judges, (*in the Case of a* Murder *too, though of another Nature*) *Judges* 19. 30. The People said there was no such Deed done, nor seen, from the Day that the Children of *Israel* came out of *Egypt.*] And I may say *there was never such a* Barbarous Murther *Committed in* England, *since the People of* England were *Freed from the* Yoke *of the* Popes Tyranny *and as they said There, so say I now*; Consider of it, Take Advice, and speak your Minds, *fol.* 72.

The *Barbarous Murder* of *Charles the First* is forgotten, here once again: But now we are upon the *Subject* of *Innocent Blood*; let any Man set the *Blood* that was *Drawn* upon This *Authority*, and *Encouragement*, against That, which was There in Question, and then *lay his Hand upon his Heart.* To say nothing of the *Lives* that were Afterwards *Sacrificed*, under

the *Countenance*, and in *Consequence* of *That Presidents*. It Cannot be too often Repeated, that *Mr. Attorny* had *all the Papers* at his *Command*, that might give him *Light* to a *Distinct* and *Perfect Understanding* of the *Main Cause*, and *Every* Part of it: As the *Journals* of *Both Houses*; The *Council-Minutes*; and Other *Publique*, and *Attested Enformations*: that he had the *Whole Cause* before him, as in a *Breviat*, and the *Means*, Consequently, of *Comparing* every *Several Witness* with *Himself*, and *every Witness Respectively*, *One* with *Another*, to see how far their *Oaths* upon the *Lords Journals* agreed with what they Swore in *Court*; and how far their *Depositions* before the *King and Council*, or before so many of his Majesties *Justices of the Peace*, Squar'd with *Both*, or *Either* of the *Other*. By Vertue of These Advantages, Sr. *William Jones* was upon so great a *Certainty of Knowledge* in All he *Said*, or *Did*, upon this Matter, that it was hardly possible for any Practice of *Confederacy*; any *Doubling* or *Shuffling*; any *Flaw*, *Contradiction*, or *Equivocation* in the *Evidence* to *Scape* him. Beside that he wanted neither *Wisdom*, nor *Industry* to make the best of his *Materials*. And yet upon laying Things together, It is a little hard to Imagine, how this Learned Gentleman should come to Phansy so Admirable a *Concurrence* of *Circumstances*. The *Strength* of the Kings Evidences so much *beyond* Expectation, and the *Defence* of the *Prisoners* so *short* of it; in a Case which to all other Mens Eyes appears a meer *Huddle*, and *Mish-mash*, of *Unaccountable Confusions*: which I do here Oblige my self to make as Manifest as the Light of the Sun, in the *Continuation* of This Story, if I live but a very little while longer, to *Finish* it. The most Favourable Construction that can be offer'd in Excuse of the Proceeding,

The Whole Intrigue was known to SrW. J.

will be *This*; that though *Mr. Attorny* had the Ca[illegible] of the *Cause*, and the *Command* of all Papers a[illegible] *Enformations* Concerning it, Multiplicity of [illegible] *Thoughts*, and *Bus'ness*, might yet Divert him pe[illegible] haps, from attending All the *Critical Minutes* of t[illegible] *Case*, so *Nicely* as he *Ought* to have done.

Sr W. J. a Manager against the Lord Stafford.

Sir *William Jones* proceeded Th[illegible] far, in the Quality of *Attorny Gen[illegible]ral*; We shall see now what Pa[illegible] he sustained in *the Tryal of my Lo[illegible]* Stafford; as *a Manager of the Evi[illegible]dence, upon an Impeachment in the Names of the Com[illegible]mons of* England.

My Lords (says Sr *William Jones*) *I think I may ta[illegible] leave to say, that the* Plot *in* General, *hath been* [illegible] Sufficiently Prov'd. *And if we Consider whath has be[illegible]* Prov'd *at* Former Tryals; (*upon which, many of t[illegible]* Offenders, *and* Traytors *have been* Executed) *wh[illegible] hath been* Published *in* Print, *and above All*, Colema[illegible] Letters, *written all with his own Hand, and for Th[illegible] Reason Impossible to be Falsify'd, we may Justly Conclu[illegible] that* there is not a Man in *England*, of Any Unde[illegible]standing, but must be fully Convinc'd of the *Truth* [illegible] the *Plot* in *General*, *&c.* p. 169.

He makes all Disbelievers of the Plot to be either Fools or Conspirators.

So that I think now None Remai[illegible] *that do* Pretend, Not *to* Believ[illegible] it, *but* Two Sorts of Persons [illegible] *The* One, Those that were Con[illegible]spirators In it; *and the* Other [illegible] Those that Wish'd it Had Succeeded, and Desire [illegible] May so Still. p. 170.

The Disbelievers Vindicated.

This was a *Shot* at *Random*, I hope, without considering where it would fall: for it makes *All Men whatsoever*, without any *Exception* of *Persons*, to be either *Fools*, or *Knaves*, that were not of the *Managers* Pre-

tended

tended *Opinion*. I call it [*Pretended*,] becauſe I look upon it as a Flight of his *Rhetorique*, rather then a Motion of his *Conſcience*; And that it was Deſign'd to work upon the *Paſſions* of thoſe that heard him, rather then upon their *Judgments*. *This Liberty* does not only give every Honeſt Thinking Man an *Honourable Right*, but puts him upon a *Defenſive Neceſſity* of Throwing-off that *Infamous Character*, let it *Light* where it *Will*, and of Rangeing the *Fools*, and the *Knaves* on the *Other* ſide. But *This* is a *Sentence* however, with *Two Edges*: *One* way he makes People *Conſpirators*,, and *Abetters*, for not *Believing* the *Plot*, at a Venture, whether the *Suppoſed Fact* be True, or Falſe; The *Other* way, he makes a *General Plot* on't, by taking *All Into't* that do not *Believe* it. But as to the *Proof* now, of a *General Plot*, If *Otes'es Plot* falls, there Remains *No General Plot* to *Prove* upon.

Mr. Coleman's Caſe.

Colemans Letters are a *Particular* Matter, of a *Perſonal Practice*, and *Undertaking*, And *His* Crime, at the *Uttermoſt Stretch* of it, amounted to no more, then a *Forward Intermeddling* with *State-Matters* without a *Commiſſion*. I could never find out the leaſt Colour in that whole Proceeding, to Imagine any ſort of Affinity, that *Colemans Letter-Plot* had with *Sir Will. Jones'es* pretended *Narrative Plot*. He had a *Plot* undoubtedly, upon the Fing'ring of *French Mony*: But without any *Malice*, in my Conſcience, againſt Either *King*, or *Government*.

Sir W. J. Founds the whole Plot upon Otes'es Bottom.

Sir William Jones draws Inferences from the Jeſuits *Several Meetings*. Their Raiſing of *Arms*, and Gathering of *Moneys*, toward the Execution of their Deſign, *fol.* 169. Certain *Imaginary Commiſſions*, to *Popiſh Lords*; *Seditious Sermons*, and *Diſcourſes*. *Ibid.* All which is upon

Otes's Bottom, ſtill: And ſo my *Lord Staffords* being at *Fenwicks Chamber*, and his Bolting-out *Treaſonable Words* in *Otes's Hearing*, againſt the *King*, fol. 1[illegible] The Pages 178. & 179. are ſpent in *Juſtifying* Otes wherein *Sir William* does not only admit Otes's *Change* of *Religion*, but even bleſſes *Providence* for it in theſe Words.

He bleſſes God for Otes's being a Papiſt, when he himſelf ſwears he was none.

I am ſure it is happy for us that [illegible] Did *Change his* Religion. *Without* That, *we had not had the Firſt Know-ledge of the* Plot, *nor of many Particulars, which he could not come to but by* Occaſion of that Change fol. 1[illegible]

This was a Mighty Miſtake, for we had the *Firſt Knowledge* of the *Plot*, from *Tonge*: And then for ſo great a Man, there was as unlucky an *Overſight*. Sr *William Jones*, upon the *Summing-up* of the *Evidence* makes *Otes* to be a *Papiſt*; though *He Himſelf Swore* he was **None**, in the *Tryall*. Nay and he raiſes *Argu-ments* from his *Being* the Thing, that he *Swore* he was **Not**; and Emproves *His Forſwearing Himſelf*, to the *Advantage* of his *Evidence*. [*I deſire to know* (ſays my *Lord Stafford*) *whether* Mr Otes *was* Really a Pa-piſt, *or did but* Pretend. [*Otes.*] *I did only* **Pretend**. *I was not* **Really** *One, I Declare it.* fol. 123.

He makes All Papiſts to be Traytors.

The Evidence (ſays Sr *W.* in ano-ther Place) *is ſo* Strong, *that I think it admits of* No Doubt; *and the Offences prov'd againſt My* Lord, *and* **the Reſt of his Party**, *are ſo* Foul, *that they need no* Aggravation. *The Offences are againſt the* King, *againſt his* Sacred Life, *againſt the* Proteſtant Religion, *and againſt* All Proteſtants; *for it was for the* Extirpation *of* All Proteſtants *out of Theſe Three Nations. I mean not of* Every *one that is* Now *ſo, but of* Every one *that would have* Continu'd *ſo*; Every one *amongſt*

(*if These Designs had been Accomplish'd*) *must either have Turn'd his* Religion, *or turn'd out of his* Country, *or have been* Burn'd *in it.* fol. 186.

Here's *a Charge of Treason against every Papist in the Three Kingdoms*; to a *Single Man*; *Every Protestant Throat* to be Cut, or to fly his *Country*, or to *Turn*, or to *Burn*. Taking away the *Kings Life*, and the Extirpating of the *Protestant Religion* by Violence, were the Points of the *Conspiracy*: what could be more *Incentive* toward an *Universal Tumult?* What more *Repugnant* to *Christian Charity*, and to *Common Sense*, then to Build such *Conclusions* upon the Testimony of *Abandon'd Cheats*, and the *Visionary Extravagances* of *Dreamers of Dreams*; (for such was *Tonge*, most Superstitiously, according to the *Letter*) But to carry it further yet: *All These Pretences* have been *Detected* for a *Forgery*, and a *Counter-Plot Prov'd* on the *Other* side, to Answer *Every Malicious Point* of *This*. What *Atonement* is the whole World able to make, for the Affronts that have been put upon *Gods Providence*, *Truth*, and *Justice*; upon the *Honour* of the *King*, the *Peace* of the *Kingdom*, and the *Reputation* of the *Oppress'd*, and *Injur'd Party*. But to return to my Point.

It will deserve one word more now, after *Otes'es* Passing Muster for a *Competent*, and a *Credible Witness*, according to Sr *William Jones'es Qualifications*, and *Measures*, to take a little notice on the other side; what it is that he makes to be an *Incapacity*, for a *Warrantable*, and a *Creditable Discharge* of that *Duty*. 'Tis no great Wonder, where a *Profligate Sodomite*, and a *Common Knight-of-the-Post* passes for a *Testis Probus*: to See a Man of *Honour*, upon the File, for an *Infamous Rascal*.

Sir William Jones makes his *Exceptions* to Mr. *Lydcot's Evidence*, which he gave Concerning *My Lord*

Castlemain. Lord Staffords Tryal, pag. 115. &c. I refer the Reader to the *Tryal* it self, and he will find no need of a *Gloss* upon the *Text*, to shew him how that Worthy Honest Gentleman was handled in Court by the *Manager*: But He that would more Particularly Enform himself in the Ground of Sr *Williams Exceptions*, must look for his *Crime*, fol. 177. upon *Summing-up the Evidence*.

Scandalous Exceptions to Mr Lydcots Evidence for Common Justice done to the E. of Castlemain.

A Man, (says *Sir W. Jones*) *that owns himself the Continual* Companion *and* Secretary, *of one so Famous in the* Popish Party, *as my* Lord Castlemaine *is: A Man that Pretends he was never out of his* Company; *And a Man that owns that two Years since he was Taking of* Notes *at a* Trial *for* This Plot: *Not only for his* Curiosity, *but for his* Lord, *who was Concern'd in the* Accusation. *That This Man should be a* Fellow *of* Kings College, *seems Strange, and 'till it be better* Prov'd *will hardly be* Believ'd, *Nor will he deserve any* Credit.

The whole Stress lies upon Otes's Probity.

From one End to the other of *This History of the Pretended Popish Conspiracy*, the Weight of the Proof still rests upon *Otes's Probity* and *Reputation*: and the Whole Frame has nothing more to Support it, then *Flourish* and *Noise*. The *Proof* and *Character* of a *Licentious*, and *Habitual Dissolution of Manners*, through the Entire Course of *Otes's Conversation*, is still Blown-off with one of These Two *Mantles*, *Set a Rogue to Catch a Rogue*; That is to say, he must be a *Party* to the *Treason*, to *Qualify* him for a *Testimony*. The other is This: Let him be Detected of a Thousand *Falsities*, A man is Pop't in the Mouth with this Answer, [*Where's your Record?*] Why [*You might have Indicted him*] *If you can Produce*

duce a Record, you ſay Something.] when yet to my Certain Knowledge, Means have been made by *Application*, and *Petition*, for *Leave* to *Proſecute* him for *Perjury*, according to the *Ordinary Methods* of Common *Juſtice*, and there was no *Obtaining* of it. This, in one Inſtance for All, was the Caſe of *Mr Cox* a *Linnen-Draper* in *Covent Garden*, who Frankly and Honeſtly made the Attempt, and he was only *Brow-Beaten*, Repulſed, and *Baffled* for his Pains. I would fain get over *This Topique*, but the *Nature*, the *Reaſon*, and the *Importance* of the *Subject in hand* forces me to be yet a little more at *Large*.

Notes upon the Exceptions to M. Lydcot.

It will now come in Courſe, to ſee what Quarrel it is that *Sr William Jones* had to the *Teſtimony* of *Mr. Lydcot*. *Firſt*, as he was *Secretary* to the Earle of *Caſtlemain*, he was *True* to his *Lord*. 2*ly*. In the Honour and Freedom of a *Companion* to Him, He was *Juſt* to his Noble *Friend*. 3*ly*. In taking *Notes* for my *Lords Service*, who was himſelf Concern'd in *Otes'es Accuſation*; He did no more, then what in *Generoſity*, *Good Faith*, *Common Humanity*, *Tenderneſs*, and *Prudence*, he was *Bound* to do: He took *Notes*, that he might be able upon any occaſion in the Future to bear *Witneſs* to a *Truth*; which *Truth* would have been as much *Againſt* my Lord, if he were *Guilty*, as *For* him, if he were *Innocent*: and the Service he Intended my Lord by *Theſe Notes*, was only the *Atteſting* of a *Truth* on his Behalf, in Confidence of his *Integrity*. The Want of an *Evidence* in *This Caſe*, would have been Juſt as *Mortal* as the want of a *Record* in the *Other* before Spoken of; and mens Lives were Loſt both ways, in This Controverſy, for want of a *Legal Proof* of an *Indubitable Truth*. So that here's a ſhort Reſult of the *Streſs* of the *Exception*. *Firſt*, Block-up the way to an Enformation of

Perjury againſt a *Forſworn Varlet*, and *Then Hang-* *an Honeſt Man*, for *Want* of one. Make it a *Miſ-* *meanor*, and a *Scandal*, High enough to *Incapacit-* any man for a *Witneſs*, that ſhall Preſume to tak *Notes* in a *Popiſh Cauſe*, and then *Truſs-up* the *Preten-* *ed Traytor*, though never ſo *Innocent*, for want of *Evidence* to *Prove*, what was *Said* or *Sworn* upo ſuch a *Tryall*. Why This looks like *Lying in Wait* f *Bloud*; when they find they Cannot reach a Man u on a Guilt of *Fact*, to *Ty-him-up* by *Surprize* for ther *Ignorance*, or *Neglect*, upon a Formality *Proof*.

But in One Syllable now; From a *General-C* *templation*, or *Suppoſition* of the *Caſe*, to the *Real C* *dition*, and *Quality* of that Caſe as it was fou afterwards before a *Court of Juſtice*, in *Truth*, and *Effect*.

The Injuſtice of the Exceptions laid open in the Honourable Defence, and Acquittal of the E. of Caſtlemain.

No man was *More Preſs'd*, *Harder put to't*, and no man p himſelf more *Franckly* upon his *ſtification* then *my Lord Caſtlemain* I remember what Pains was tak upon *his Lordſhips Tryal*, to mak *Witneſs* of *Dangerfield*; A *Wretch* o *Character*, to bring an *Infamy* upon a *Common Jo* And I remember an *Oath* of *Otes's* there, in a F *Contradiction* to what he Swore in *my Lord Staffor* *Tryal*. [*I have a Charge of* High Treaſon (ſays Ot *againſt That Man* (one *Mr. Hutchiſon*, an *Evidence* gainſt him) *for Seducing me from my Religion; M* *Lord, I will Swear he Turn'd me to the Church of* Rom *and I deſire it may be Recorded.* Lord Caſtlemain Tryal. fol. 51.] Upon the whole Matter, his Lord ſhip was acquitted with *Honour*, and to the *Confuſio* of his *Enemies*; and it is but a *Bare Juſtice*, Ab ſtracted from All other *Conſiderations*, to ſay, that

no Man Living, perhaps, has given a more Unconteſtable Proof of his Faith, and Affections to the Crown, then Himſelf. And as to Mr *Lydcot* (now Sr *John Lydcot*, and Worthily advanc'd to a *more Honourable Station*) It is beyond Queſtion, that he Behav'd himſelf in This Office, toward both the *Government*, and *my Lord Caſtlemaine*, with a *Reſolution* and *Integrity*, Anſwerable to the *Character of a Man of Honour.*

There have been ſo many Hares Started in my way, and the Change of Subject has Carry'd me into ſo many Digreſſions, that I had almoſt forgot one Paſſage, which, though formerly Cited, Cannot be well Paſs'd over in this Place.

There were Certain *Quæries* offer'd to the Houſe of *Commons*, by the *Sheriffs* of *London* and *Midl. Dec.* 23. 1680. about the Kings *Prerogative*, in *Diſpenſing* with any part of the *Sentence* upon *My Lord Stafford*; upon which occaſion, *Sir W. J.* Deliver'd his *Opinion*, and *Advice*, in *Theſe Words.*

Sir W. J's care to Secure the Execution of my Lord Stafford.

[*It is probable, that the* Royal Power *hath always* Diſpenſed *with ſuch Sentences formerly*; *and if ſo, This Houſe Lyeth not under any* Obligation, *to offer at any* Oppoſition, *nor Concern themſelves herein: Eſpecially at This Time, when ſuch a* Diſpute *may End in* Preventing the Execution of the ſaid Lord Stafford. *And* Therefore *I humbly Conceive*, you may do well to give your Conſent, that the ſaid writ be Executed according to its Tenure. *Collections.* p. 215.]

Here's an *Indubitable Prerogative* ſubjected to a *Queſtion.* The [Reſolution] given, is, that [*It is* Probable *&c.*] *Mr Attorneys Advice* is, [*Not to Offer at any* Unſeaſonable *Oppoſition*] for fear *My Lord Stafford*'s *Life* might be *Sav'd* by't. [Therefore] ſays he, *Give your Conſent.*

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For the Avoiding of *Confusion*, I have Interjected (where there was Room Convenient for't,) Some *Remarques*, and *Reflexions*, upon the *Attorny General's State of the Evidence*, and upon the Progress of his *Animadversions*, in the Further Prosecution of the *Pretended Popish Cause*; as well in the Quality of the *Kings Councel*, upon the *Tryals* of *Green*, *Berry*, and *Hill*, as in That afterward of a *Principal Manager* of the *Evidence* against my Lord *Stafford*. This did not yet Hinder the Saving to my self, the *Liberty* of a Word or Two more upon the *Whole Matter*, at Last.

There are *Three General Points* that fall Naturally under Consideration in This Place. *First*, Did the *Kings Witnesses* (as the Law Terms them) *Agree* in their *Evidence*, or *Not*? 2*ly*. If they did *Not* Agree, *Where* and *How* does That appear? Did they Swear *One* Thing, at *One* Time, and *Another* Thing at *Another*? Was not their Evidence in *Court*, the Same with that before the *King* and *Councel*? The King's *Justices of the Peace*; the *Two Houses*, and the *Committees*? 3*ly*. Was *Sir W. J.* Sufficiently *Arm'd*, and *Instructed*, with *All Necessary Powers*, and *Papers*, for the Perfect *Understanding* of the Matter, both in the *Whole*, and in Every *Part*?

The Witnesses Clash.

To These Three *Questions*, I return These Three *Answers*. *First*, That there are *Disagreements*, and *Inconsistencies*, in the *Evidence*, both *Joyntly* and *Severally*, that are Utterly *Impossible* to be *Reconcil'd*.

2*ly*. I appeal for the Proof of This, to the *Council-Books*; The *Lords Journal*, and the *Printed Tryals*; (even under All their *Partialities*) where their *Depositions*, many times, are no more One to Another, then *Chalk* is to *Cheese*. But not to Clogg the Business with Unnecessary Recitals, the *Second Volume* of *Observators* has Instances in abundance of This Kind:

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and particularly, *Num.* 61. 62. 72. Upon *Otes's Veracities*: and *Number.* 141. 142. 186. &c. upon the Harmony betwixt *Prance*, and *Bedloe*.

3*ly.* As it ſtands Clear, from the *Nature* of the *Caſe*, and according to *Common Reaſon*, and *Uſage*, that *Sir William Jones* muſt of Neceſſity have *All Thoſe Informations* either *Before* him, or at *Command*, out of which he was to Extract a *State of the Evidence*, and without which, it was not *Poſſible* for him to do it: So does he likewiſe Acknowledge in his *Report*, the Receit of Thoſe Papers, whereupon he was to Ground his *Opinion*, and to Deliver his *Judgment*.

Sir W. J. had all their Contradictions before him.

Now to Stop the Mouths of a Certain *Republican Caball*, that at That Time made ſuch a Noiſe about the *Providential Diſcovery* of This *Plot*; and call'd for *Humiliation* in *Sack-Cloth and Aſhes*, to Appeaſe the Divine *Wrath*, and, if Poſſible, to Avert This *Mock-Judgment* from us; The *Greateſt Providence* that ever appear'd in favour of This *Conſpiracy* was, That a Perſon ſo *Quick-Sighted* to All Other Purpoſes, as to find out the *Inviſible Religion* of This *Cheat*, ſhould *Overlook* ſo many *Groſs Frauds*, and *Notorious Contradictions*, that lay in ſo Great *Numbers*, and in ſo many Several *Shapes*, under his *Eye*, without taking any Notice of them at all. Now in Truth, the [Judgment] was not the *Reality* of a *Popiſh Plot*, but the *Belief* of ſuch a *Plot* where there was *None*; Aſſiſted with a *Blind Infatuation*, that Hindred men from ſeeing a *True Conſpiracy* thorough the *Cover* of a *Falſe* one.

But to ſay no more of the *Miracle* of Theſe Overſights, there is *One Slip* yet behind, which the Wit of Man ſhall never be able to *Excuſe*; No, nor ſo much as to *Palliate*, with the leaſt Colour of a *Defence*.

That

That is to say; the Bus'neſs of the *Five Wind* *Letters*; with which I intend to Cloſe This C ter.

Tong and Otes's Narrative look'd upon as a Cheat.

Before I come to Touch T Matter to the Quick, it is Previo to be *Noted*, and made *Known*, *Tong's*, or *Otes'es Narrative* of *cles*, was already as good as *Hung upon the Hedge*, want of *Collateral Evidence*. The Story of *Picker* *Grove*, made Little or no *Impreſſion* upon his Maj And then the Diſappointment of the *Ruffians* g to *Windſor*, made the Story yet *More* Suſpici 'till, in the Concluſion, *Bedding* *Pacquet of Letters Confirm'd* the that there was *No Plot at all*, that the *Whole* was a *Forgery*; cording to the Account already ven in [*The Impartial State* of *Caſe of the Earl of* Danby.] The Gradation of Proceeding lies Thus. *Firſt*, The *Truth* of the N *rative* was *Suſpected*. 2*ly*. The Bus'neſs of *Grove* *Pickering*, (that were brought in, to Support *Capital Branch* of the *Narrative*) made it yet Suſpected. 3*ly*. The Slurr that was put upon Earl of *Danby*, in the *Sham* of the *Windſor Ruffians* purſuance of *Groves*, and *Pickerings Deſign*, render Matters ſtill *Worſe and Worſe*. And, 4*ly*. The Inv tion of the *Jeſuits Letters*, that were *Trump'd-up*, hopes of Gaining *Credit*, both *General*, and *Parti* *lar*, to the Entire Train of the *Information*; put *Final End* to the *Reputation* of All that had been Sa or Done *Before*.

The Five Letters that ſhould have given them Credit Confirm'd the Forgery.

There is enough ſaid already in it's Proper Pla to the *Marks* of *Practice* and *Confederacy*, In and U on Theſe *Letters* [*The way of their coming to Light* (as Sr *William Jones* well Obſerves) is ſomewhat E

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traordinary. *Tong* and *Otes* could not be *Believ'd*, and ſo they Remitted themſelves to the more *Certain*, and *Infallible Proofs* that would Ariſe, they ſaid, upon the *Intercepting* of *Some Jeſuites Letters* at the *Poſt-Office in Windſor*, according to their Directions. The *Letters*, as is formerly ſaid, fell into the *Wrong Hand*; for though they were *Addreſs'd* to *Bedingfield*, it was never Intended that he ſhould have the *Opening* of them: But as *Providence* Order'd the Matter, ſo it *Prov'd*; and the *Pretended Conſpirator* was, *Himſelf*, the *Diſcoverer*, **Againſt** *Himſelf*. This was only *Introductive*, but the *Main Streſs* lies upon the *Deſign*, and *Subject-Matter* of Theſe *Letters*; whether they were *Believ'd*, or *Not Believ'd*. If they were **Not** *Believ'd*; why did not the *Credit* of the *Letters*, and of the *Plot* Vaniſh *Together?* if they **Were** *Believed*, how came it, that thorough the *Whole Series* of the *Proſecution*, they were never *made Uſe of*; No, not ſo much as *Nam'd* toward Supporting the Belief of This *Conſpiracy*? How came it, I ſay, that Theſe *Letters*, that were only Exhibited to keep the *Sinking Reputation* of the *Narrative*, *above Water*, ſhould fall to the Ground *Themſelves*, and the *Narrative* yet *Stand Firm*, without a *Foundation*? As for Example.

According to the *Project* of the *Plot*, and the *Pretext* of the *Narrative*, the *King* was to be *Murder'd*, *FORTY EIGHT* was the *Cypher* for the **King**: *Grove* (under the Name of *Honeſt William*) and *Pickering*, were to be Two of the *Aſſaſſins*. *Four Iriſh Ruffians*, over and above. *Catholique Religion* to be *Settled*. *Ireland* and *Scotland* Engag'd in the *Plot*: *Bedingfield*, *Ireland*, *White*, *Fenwick*, *Fogarthy*, *Blundel*, were All in the *Black Liſt* of the *Conſpirators*. It is Worthy of a Conſideration now, to ſee how Theſe *Blundering Buzzards*, brought their *Five* *Letters*

They were the very Contents of the Plot.

Letters (for *Theirs* they were) to Square with T... *Particular Heads*, though ſo *Awkardly* put toge... that the *Fool* play'd *Booty* againſt the *Knave*, and g... *the Sign out of his hand.* The *Five* pretended Writers, ... *Five* of the *Conſpirators*, and they Direct to *Bed... field*, who makes up the *Sixth.* 'Tis a Wonderf... Thing now, that Theſe Letters were never Charg... upon *Ireland*, *White*, nor *Fenwick*, at their Tryal... And, in Truth, that the *Priſ'ners Themſelves* nev... Call'd for 'em. Either they were *Genuine*, and *A... thentique*, and ſo *Believ'd*, and *Reputed*; or they were *Not* ſo. If the *Former*; they were, without All Co... troverſy, the *Beſt Foot* the *Plot* had to *Stand* upon... but if *Spurious*, and *Counterfeit*, and ſo *Deem...* and *Taken* to be, the *Plot* and the *Letters* ought to have run the *Same Fate*, and no *Credit* to ... given, for the *Future*, either to the *One*, or t... the *Other.* For the very *Plot it ſelf* was Wrapt-u... in theſe *Letters*, and the *Pretence* of the *Indub... table Authority* of the *Latter*, was made uſe of t... *Patch-up* the *Broken Reputation* of the *Former.* Th... of them Undertake for the *Good Inclinations* ... *Ireland*, to the *Plot. Two*, for *Scotland*: *Four* o... them are, over and over for *Diſpatching, and doing* ... *Bus'neſs of* 48. *Two Recommendations* of the *For... Iriſh Ruffians*: *One* for the *Encouragement* of *W...* and *P.* (That is to ſay, *Grove* and *Pickering*) *G... W.* for Sir *George Wakeman*, is not forgotten nei... ther; Nor [*the Enjoying of Cath. Religion in a way more Publique then now they do.*]

They were ſo Rank a Cheat, they durſt never bring them in Evidence.

In a Word; The *Plot*, and the *Letters* had both the *Same Vouchers*; and I cannot find an Argument in Nature for the *Belief* of the *One*, after the *Disbelief* of the *Other.* If the *Plot-Maſters* had not been Con... ſcious

ſcious, and thoroughly Satisfy'd that the *Five Letters* were a *Downright Cheat*, they would Undoubtedly have Serv'd them up, in *Evidence*; but the *Forgery* was ſo *Groß*, that the very *Producing* of them, would have broke the Neck of the *Whole Deſign*; for the *Practice* lay as Open as the *Sun*, and out of the *Power*, *Reach*, nay and *Poſſibility* of any *Falſe Oath* to *Cover* it. The *Party*, I ſay, would have Inſiſted upon 'em, if they *Durſt*. So that they *Suppreſs'd* them *Wilfully*, and upon *Prepenſe Purpoſe*, and *Deliberation*; and whenever any man living ſhall furniſh but the Leaſt Shadow of any other Reaſon for the *Suppreſſing* of them, then an *Inhumane Thirſt of Bloud*; or a *Manifeſt Partiality*, to one of the moſt *Impious Practices* that ever was under the Cope of Heaven, I will Submit to have [*Here lies a* Fool, *and a* Knave.] Written upon my *Grave-Stone*. [*Theſe Letters* (ſays Sir *William Jones* in his *Report*) *if they can be* ſo Prov'd *as to be* Believ'd *to be the* Hands *of the Several Perſons by whom they are ſaid to be Written, do* fully make out the Guilt of the Writers. Sir *W. Jones* in his *Report* upon *Theſe Letters*, with the Reſt of the *Evidence* does yet Want a *Second Teſtimony* to *Back Otes'es*. If he had given *Credit* to theſe Letters, the *Proof* would have been *Full*. If he had but *Doubted* the *Forgery*, he would have made ſome *Eſſay* upon *Proving* the *Hand*: But out of all Diſpute it is, that he *Deſponded* of them at *Firſt Sight*, and ſo they were *let fall, never to Riſe again*.

In One Syllable more now, to Expound my ſelf upon This *Matter*, I ſpeak only of thoſe that *Officially* had the whole Affair under that *Care*, and *Conſideration*: without Expecting that Other men ſhould *Divine* upon Things that they were *Strangers* to, and that lay out of their *Province*.

Here

Here is as much ſaid as is Needfull, upon th
Subject Matter of *Theſe Two Chapters*. That is
ſay; concerning Sir *William Jones*'es *Opinion*, bo
of the *Plot*, and the *Plot-makers*, from the Sta
of the *Evidence* in *October* 1678. to the Death
my *Lord Stafford* in *December*, 1680. And there
as much done as is Needfull too, *Since* That Ti
to the *Proving* of the *Whole Hiſtory* of That *Pr*
tended Popiſh Conſpiracy, that Coſt ſo many *In*
cent Lives, and wrought ſo much *Miſchief*, bo
to *King*, and *People*; to have been only a *Scandal*
Impoſture, *Bolſter'd-up* with *Perjury*, and *Subor*
tion: But *How* That *Sham* came to be *Started*, *W*
it *Was*, and *Who* was the *Founder* of it, is to be t
Subject of the *Next Chapter*.

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CHAP. III.

The Pretended Popiſh Conſpiracy, *was a* New Plot *made of an* Old One; *and* Dr. Tong (*not* Otes) *was the* Founder *and* Contriver *of it.*

How the Pretended Popiſh Plot, came to be Started.

IT Fell-out that ſome ſhort Time after the Broaching of the *Pretended Popiſh Plot*, One *Boulter*, a *Bookſeller*, brought me *Tong's Royal Martyr*, for a *Licenſe*. I could not *Paſs* it, and the *Bookſeller* went Mumbling away with a kind of Menace betwixt his Teeth, for the *Refuſal*. Upon This, I went and told *Tong* at *Whitehall*, that I could not give it an *Imprimatur*, and ſo Pointed him out, (over and above Certain *Scandalous Reflexions*, and *Hiſtorical Miſtakes*) to ſome Unlucky Hints in the *Preface*, that, *People*, I ſaid, *would be apt to take Offence at.*

Tong was the Projector of it, and put Otes upon it.

You tell the World, ſaid I, *that you have with Great Care Drawn-up the Hiſtory of* the Old Popiſh Plot, (meaning the Bus'neſs of *Andreas ab Habernfeld*) *and that ſhewing it to* Dr. Otes, *who very much Approv'd of the* Draught, *You did as Good as tell him*, [Titus, *it were worth the while to know if This Plot does not go on ſtill: Wherefore do you go, and put your ſelf among the* Jeſuites, *and ſee whether it does or No.*] You ſay further, *that* Dr Otes

Did *go among them, pretending to be* One *of them, and that when he came back, he told you* that the Bus'nefs went-on, and that it was no *New Plot*, but the *Old One* Continued. [*Well*, (ſays *Dr. Tong*) *All This is* True, *and where's the* Offence ?] So I up and told him, that it might be look'd upon as a *Strange Councell*, either to *Give*, or to *Take*. The *Advice Given*, ſaid I, is *This*; [Titus, *do you go over, and pretend to be a* Papiſt, *Take All their* Oaths *and* Teſts, *Joyn with them in an* Idolatrous Worſhip, (for ſo *Tong* Reputed it) *and Swear your ſelf to the Devil through Thick and Thin*, only *to ſee whether it be* Croſs or Pile. *This ſeems to Me*, to *be the* Advice Given, *and the* Following *of This* Advice *upon* Fore-thought, *and* Conſideration, *may be taken for as Extraordinary a* Reſolution. The Doctors *Anſwer* was to This Purpoſe: *God Allmighty will do his Work by his Own Way, and Method.*

This Account was Printed in 1681. in [*The Shammer Shamm'd.* p. 8.] together with ſeveral *Letters*, and *Papers* of *Young Tong*'s, Confirming every Particular; and though they were Publiſh'd in the very Heat of the *Republican Conſpiracy*, and my *Name* at *Length* to the Edition, there was not One Syllable Objected to the Truth of it. There was as little ſaid too, in Exception to an *Advertiſement* of *May.* 15. 1682. *Obſ.* 138. *Vol.* 1. Wherein was Notify'd, that *Simpſon Tong Endeavour'd to Deſtroy the Credit of* Otes, *and of his Evidence*; *and that if any Man would Proſecute him, I my ſelf would find Materials to Proceed upon.*

There are Five or Six Paſſages in the Matter above, that upon the Tacking of them together, will Naturally leade us into the Train of the Story that I am now upon.

Firſt,

The Rise and Manner of Promoting it.

First, It was an Odd kind of Bus'ness, *Tong*'s Stumbling upon the *Old Popish Plot* of *Habernfeld*; which was only the *finding out* of a *Modell* to make *Another Plot by.*

2*ly*, What did he shew the *Draught* of it to *Otes* for, but to set him his *Lesson?*

3*ly*, There's *Otes'es Approbation* of it. As who should say; *I'm of your Mind whatever it is.*

4*ly*, *Tong*'s sending *Otes* away among the *Jesuits*, to see if the *Old Plot* (of allmost Forty Year standing) *went on still or Not.* Now *This* was not so much to *Tell* him what he was to **Look** for, as what he was to **Find.**

5*ly*, Consider *Otes'es Adventure* upon That Errand. The Blockhead went first for *Spain*, and after a while came back again, not One jot the Wiser. *Tong* finding that he was not Thoroughly possest of the *Hint*, was forc'd to be a little *Plainer* with him; and not only *Advis'd* him to go *Over-Sea again*; but gave him the very *Reason*, and his *Business. i. e.* [*If he could but get the* Names *of the* Jesuits; Learn *their* Ways; *and make* Acquaintance *among them, the People might be Easily stirr'd up to Fear* Popery, *and it would be the Making of him for ever.*] Now *This Making of him*, *Tong* call'd *putting him in a way.* This shall be Expounded by and by.

6*ly*. 'Tis Remarkable how *Otes* Edify'd upon the Second Handling, by the *Discovery* he made to *Tong* at his *Next Return. i. e.* [*That the Present* Plot *was* No New Plot, *but the* Old One Continu'd.] So that by This Reck'ning, *Habernfelds Plot Sunk* in 1640. and *Came up again*, in 1677. and 1678; after it had run *under-ground* the Better Part of *Two Kings Reigns.*

These Circumstances are the very Links of the Chain. *Tong's* Head is set upon a *Plot*: He pitches upon *Habernfeld's* for an *Example*; shews *Otes* it for a *Fac Simile*; *Otes Cons his Lesson*; Runs *Over-Sea* among the *Jesuites*; Finds the *Old Plot* at Work *Still*; Brings back *Word* on't: And Then, Out comes the *Counterpart*, in a *Narrative* to make All Good. It is here further to be Noted, that *Tong* was the *Dominus Fac Totum* all this while; and *Otes* but the *Tool* that he wrought withall. In *Plain English*, there was an *Imposture Projected* from the *Beginning*, and it pass'd through the whole *Train*, and *Conduct* of the *History*, from *One* End to the *Other*. *Tong Manag'd* it; *Otes Swore* to't; and the Lines of the Design were drawn from *Habernfeld's Modell*. It rests upon *Me* now, to *Prove* what I have said; That is to say, that *Tong* was all the way a-gog upon a *Plot*; The *Master Operator* in the Late *Pretended Popish Plot*; That *Habernfeld's* was the *Original*, from whence he took his *Copy*; and that *Otes'es Office* in't, was only That of *Lung's* in the *Alchymist* to *Blow the Bellows*.

I find under *Tong's Own Hand*, in the Copy of an *Enformation* Given by Him to the *House of Commons*, as follows.

How the Maggot of it came into Tong's Head.

I have in my Wandring, fall'n into some Acquaintance with Dr Beal *of* Yeovel *in* Somersetshire; *a Man known to many of This House. He Strongly Alarm'd me, and from his Experience of the Troubles the* Jesuits *and Other* Papal Emissaries *gave the Wise Senators of* Venice, *whilst he Resided there with* Sr H. W. *in the* Interdict *of That State: He Concluded, that though Both Honourable Houses, and his Majesty should Unanimously Concurr, and put out all your Force,*

You cannot prevent their Plot, &c. *At my Parting from Him, and by his Advice*, (*as All a man of my Rank could do*) *I resolved to Oppose, Yearly and Quarterly, if possible, some Small Treatises in Print, to* Alarum, *and* Awaken *his Majesty, and These Houses*, &c.

His Stickling to Advance it.

He tells afterward, in the Same Paper, of an *Information* he had from *De la Marche*, a *French Minister*; for whom he drew a *Petition*; and [*how upon a Conference with him about what* Bloud *had discover'd to him, he came to Apprehend the Fire of* London *to be* Papal, French, *and* Lovestein Plots, United *or* Confounded: *In This* London-Fire-Plot, (says he) Major General Lambert, (*as he hath usually been call'd*) *was Design'd to Draw Forces together*; *in appearance* Fanatique, *but in the* Bottom, Papal, *to Divert, and Distract us, whilst the* French *should have Seiz'd, or Destroy'd our* Naval, *and Other* Military Provisions *in the* Tower, River, *and* Carcass *of the City, when her Citizens are* Massacred, *and Scar'd into the Country to their Relations.* Now the Story of This same *De la Marche*, and *Lambert* was altogether News to *Oates*, and yet *Trusty Titus*, to Second his *Principal*; Tells the *King* in his *Epistle* to his *Narrative*, that *Lambert was a Papist of above Thirty Years Standing.*

He has it in Another of his Papers, *that One* Edward Price *of* Kempton *in* Herefordshire, *a* Sadler, *had for some Months, or Years, made* Holsters *and* Saddles *for the* Popish Gentry *of those Parts, and for some Persons such a Proportion, as gave him suspicion that they were about to Raise some Troups of Horse, for some Disloyal, and Wicked Design.* And so he goes-on *Inferring* the *Likelyhood* of a *Plot* because the *Protestant Gentry* did not buy *Saddles*, and *Holsters* too, as well as the *Popish Gentry.*

The Paper above bears the Title of [*Dr Tong's Short Narrative and Apology for his Book call'd the Massacre,*] which Pamphlet of his, is Dedicated *To the Honourable the Committee of the House of Commons appointed for the Examination of the Popish Conspiracies.* And it is Entitled [*Dr. Tong's Relation of the General Massacre Intended and Plotted by the Papists, and brought into Parliament by his Direction, and Assistance.* fol. 1.] He calls This Paper, in his *Epistle*, [*A Plain Relation of the* First Discovery *of the* Popish-Plotted-Conspiracy *for Subverting the* Government *and* Religion, *and* Massacring *the People of* England, *and Other his Majesties Dominions; and the* Assassinating *of his* Royal Person, *&c.*] Now the short of the Bus'ness was This. One Mr *Boyer* of *Herefordshire*, Arrests *Green*, a *Weaver* of the same County, and *Green* Swears a *Plot* against him. *Tong* meets *Green*, with a Complaint in his Mouth, in the *Court of Requests*; Advises him to Present it to *the Committee for Suppressing of Popery*; Takes his *Information*; Draws him up a *Petition*, with *Articles*; and puts it into the Hand of a Zelous Member of the House to *Promote* it. This was it which *Tong* calls *Laying the* Foundation *of the Discovery of This Plot, and the bringing of it into* Parliament, *with* One Witness *Present to Attest it.* fol. 7.

The *Information* was so *Trivial*, that *Green* Himself Complains, [*he was never yet Examin'd upon* Oath, *though he attended the* Secret Committee *Several Times.* fol. 8.] And so *Tong* got *Green* to *Swear* his *Depositions* afterward, *May.* 12. 1679. before a Master of Chancery; to remain in Testimony for a Perpetual Memorial. Now This was no other then a *Tacit Charge*, of either *Negligence*, or *Disaffection* upon the *Committee:* In whose Vindication I shall adventure to say; that if the *Weaver* had not been

Curs'd

Curs'd in his Mothers Belly, he could never have fail'd, at That Time of the Day, of getting himself Adopted into the Order of the Kings Witnesses, *when, perchance, he was the* Only Candidate *for* That Honour, *that ever receiv'd a* Repulse;] Even *Eustace Commins Himself not Excepted.*

The Doctor sets forth in *Another Paper* of his, call'd [*Dr Tong's Case and Request*] the Same Thing over again, and withall, [*that he had been at Extraordinary, and to Him Great Charges, in* Searching-out Evidences of This Plot *before it's* Full Discovery; *but more Especially,* before Mr Otes's Discovery, *in* Attending, Solliciting, Promoting *and* Expediting *it*, &c.]

I am gotten here into so *Copious*, and *Tiresome* a *Subject*, that a man must e'en Write in his Sleep to go thorough with it: But there needs no more to lay open the Doctor's *Weak side*, then to Consider the *Fire* he took upon *This Freak*. Who but *Hee*, to set-up for a *Discoverer*, both *Out* of Parliament, and *In* Parliament? Dr *Beale* sets *Tong* a *Scribling*: *Tong puts it about*, and sets *De la Marche*, *Green* and *Others*, a *Petitioning*; and who but *He* again, in fine, to Pen their *Narratives*, *Enformations*, and *Articles*; and to do the *Office* of *Sollicitor General to the Whole Party!* Who, I say, but *Dr Tong*, still, to make-out the *Popish Conspiracy!* The *Fires* of *London*, *Wapping*, *Southwark*, *&c.* The *Murder* of *Godfrey*, and *All sorts of Popish Assassinations*, *Massacres* and *Invasions*; *Past*, *Present*, and to *Come!* Nothing, in short, came Amiss to him.

Order'd that Dr. Tong *and Mr.* Otes *be Summon'd to Attend the Bar of This House at Four a Clock in the Afternoon, to give an Account Touching*

Tong's Credit with the House of Commons.

the Plot; *and the* Conspiracy, *&c.* Commons Journal, Oct. 25. 1678.

Order'd that Dr. Tong *do Attend again to morrow Morning, to give an Account concerning the* Fire *of the City of* London. *Ib.*

Here's a Manifestation, sufficient of the *Hand, Interest*, and *Design*, that Dr *Tong* had in the *Plot*: and the *Encouragement* he met withall, on the *One* side, was, in All Respects, Answerable to the *Zeal* he Express'd for the *Promoting* of it, on the *Other*; As will be further seen hereafter.

His Confession that he knew nothing of the Matter.

But yet *the Wisdom of the Nation* was, Certainly, never more *over-shot*, then in laying any sort of *Stress* upon the *Credit* of his *Report*. For, over and above the *Absurdity* of his *Reasons*, the *Impotence* of his *Passions*, and the *Scandal* of his *Authorities*, that lye Open for All the World to Judge of; he Cut *his Own Throat with his Own Hand*, in a Petition to *That very House of Commons* that *seem'd* to *Believe* him; by laying *Reasons Unanswerable* before them, why they *Ought* Not to *Believe* him, wherein he *Declares*, and *Affirms*, [*that he has no Knowledge of any Person Charg'd, or Suspected to be in the* Confederacy; *Hardly of* any One Popish Gentleman in England.] So that here's a *Popish Plot* Undertaken to be *Prov'd* against so many Persons by *Name*; And *That Proof Accepted* for *Current*; when the very *Accuser himself, Confesses*, and *Declares, that he knows not so much as any One Conspirator*. But an *Infallible Vote* Solves *Impossibilities*, and *Reconciles Contradictions*. A Plot is Resolv'd upon: A *Plot* there Is, and a Plot there Must be, though they fetch it out of the

Grave

Grave again, after ſo many Years *Dead and Bury'd.*

This is a Story ſo *Silly*, *Flat*, and *Nauſeous*, that I ſhould hold my ſelf Oblig'd to beg a Publique Pardon for *Expoſing* it, if it were not for *Theſe Two Uſes of Application. Firſt*, to ſhew the *Senſeleſs Ground*, and *Foundation* of All our Late *Troubles*, and *Diſtreſſes*: And, *Secondly*, That there is *No Tale*, or *Fable* ſo *Monſtrous*, or *Incredible*, that *Prejudice*, and *Credulity* ſhall not make to Paſs for *Goſpel. This Plot*, in fine, ſuch as it is, was *Tongs Plot*; The *Project* of it, *Copy'd-out* from That of *Habernfeld*; and no more upon the *Whole*, then *One Forgery Grafted upon Another.* But This will be Beſt *Clear'd*, by *Confronting* the *Two Narratives.* The *Parallel* will be ſomewhat *Large*; but *my hand is now In*: 'tis a Matter of *Moment* that Depends upon't, and ſo the *Caſe* will the Better *Bear it.*

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CHAP. IV.

The Pretended Popiſh Plot *of* 16[7] *was only a Copy drawn from* Haber[n]felds Original, *of* 1640.

Habernfelds diſcovery Publiſhed by Prynne. 1643.

THe Hiſtory of *Habernfelds Diſcovery*, was firſt Pu[b]liſhed in *Forty Three*, [by] *Prynne* in his *Romes Maſter-Pie[ce]* having been ſeiz'd by him, (as he ſets it forth in [his] Preface) in the *Arch-Biſhops Chamber in the Tow[er]* by *Warrant* from the *Cloſe Committee*. *May*. 31. 164[3]. His *Introduction* is a kind of *Synopſis* of the *Whole Rel[a]tion*; which *Prynne* Pronounces for ſo *Indubitable* a *Truth*, that [*Whoever deems it an Impoſture, may well be Reputed an Infidel*, (he ſays) *if not a Monſter of Incredulity*.] To which I may Interpoſe, that I have known *many of Mr Prynne's Infidels*, and *Monſters*, that have been very *Good Chriſtians*, and very *Honeſt Men*.

Upon the Coming-forth of *Otes'es Popiſh-Plot-Narative*, in 1678. The *Old Story* of *Habernfeld* was *Reprinted*, under This Title. [*The Grand Deſigns of the Papiſts in the Reign of our Late Sovereign* Charles *the 1ſt*, *And now Carry'd on againſt his* Preſent Majeſty, *his* Government, *and the* Proteſtant Religion.] The Prefacer ſeems to be Abſolutely of *Tong's* and *Otes's Opinion*, upon the Matter in *Queſtion* about the Two *Plots*, only with This Difference, That the *One* Illuſtrates

ates the *Old Plot* by the *New* one: and the *Other* ıſtrates the *New Plot* by the *Old* one: and ſo there's *Inference*, *Interchangeably drawn*, from the *Reſemnce* of the *Counterfeit* to the *Authority* of the *Story*. t over and above Theſe Conſiderations, it ſeems Me not unlikely, that *Tonge* had ſome hand in the *blication*: For it came out juſt after my Refuſal to icenſe his *Royal Martyr*, where the *Streſs* was laid on *That Point*; And the *Conſpiracy* being, at That Time, *Hot* from the *Forge*; *Tong* could not do better, hen by *Matching* the *Preſident*, to make *One Sham ouch* for *Another*.

Reſemblance of the Two Plots.

It is not the Deſign of Theſe Papers (ſays the Publiſher) *to give an Account of the Diſcovery of the* Late Plot, *but only to Preſent the Reader with the* Narrative *of* Another againſt his Majeſties Royal Father of Bleſſed Memory; *So Exactly reſembling* This, *which now lies under Examination, that it can hardly be call'd* Another; *Being nothing elſe, but the* Same thing Acted over again, *only with the Neceſſary Alteration of Circumſtances of* Time, Places, *and* Perſons. Preface.

Papers and Letters about Habernfelds Plot.

After this Preface, follows a Paper, Entitled: [*Sir William Boſwell's Firſt Letter to the Arch-Biſhop concerning the Plot.* Dated Hague. Sep. 9. 1640.] which he diſpatch'd away to the *Arch-Biſhop*, with one from *Habernfeld* Encloſed, under the Title of [*Andreas ab Habernfeld's Letter to the Arch-Biſhop, concerning the Plot Revealed to him.*]

This is Accompany'd, with *Another Paper*, Entitled [*The General Overture, and Diſcovery of the Plot.*]

And there is likewiſe a *Third Paper* of *Habernfelds*, which he calls, [*The Large, and Particular Diſcovery of the Plot, and Treaſon againſt the King, Kingdom, and Proteſtant Religion; and to raiſe the* Scottiſh Wars.]

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The Story is *Heavy*, and there's too *Much* to be Inserted at *Length*; but my Bus'neſs being to ſet forth the *Reſemblance* betwixt the Two and to run the *Parallel*; the *Heads* of the *Re* in *Abſtract*, will abundantly Anſwer My End: when I ſhall have gotten over This part of the ceeding, a Man may properly enough quire into the *Merits* of the *Whole Matter*, a what Opinion the *King Himſelf*, the *Arch-Biſho Sr William Boſwell*, had of This *Diſcovery*.

To take the *Particulars* as they *Riſe*, and to the *Parallel* to Thoſe Points, in the Same Or I find them in the *Original*, I ſhall begin wit *Preface*, and run thorough both the *Abſtract* of *bernfeld*, and *Tong*'s *Counter-Part*, in as Few W as Poſſible.

The Parallel of the Two Plots.

Plot. *The* Diſcoverer (he ſays) Chief Actor *in This Plot*, ſent *from* Rome, *by* Cardinal Barb *to Aſſiſt* Con *the Popes* Legat, *in the Purſuit of and* Privy to All the Particulars therein covered.] *Preface.*

Parallel. And was not *Our Prime Di verer, Otes*, a *Chief Actor* too? over from *St Omers*, to *Aſſiſt Plot*; and about the *Jeſuits Affairs*? *Lord Stafford Tryal. fol.*28. *Intruſted* with *Commiſſions*? *Jeſuits I al, fol.* 13. *Tempted to Kill the King*? Narrative, 60. Diſpatched with *Propoſals* to the *Carmelites* a it? fol. 61. Order'd *to Manage the Fire* at the *Hor tage*? 71. *To carry the White-Horſe Conſult from Co pany to Company*? fol. 18. And was not *Our Di*

er, Privy to *Wakemans Poyson*, *Conyers'es Dagger*, ckerings *Screw'd-Gun*, and the *Silver Bullets*: The istory of the *Black-Bills*, the *Pilgrims*, *Ruffians*, and e *Levies* of *Men and Mony? &c.* Was not *Otes Iri-* to a matter of *Eighteen Commissions*, *Military*, and ivil: *under the Hand of Joannes Paulus De Oliva, by ertue of a Brief from the Pope?* (as he Swore before he Lord Chief Justice *Scroggs*) One of them to *John ambert* to be *Adjutant-General* to the *Army*; and *ine or Ten* of them Deliver'd with *his Own Hand?* as he not *Privy*, in fine, to the *Price* of the *Whole illany*, to a *Single Six-Pence?* So that as to the mat- r of Privity; the *Privity* of *Habernfeld*, and his *rincipal*, is quite *Out-done*, by the *Privity* of *Tong*, nd *Otes*; who, according to their *Narrative*, and *retensions* were *Undoubtedly Privy, to Fifty times more hen ever any Two men upon the face of the Earth were Privy to, before them.*

The Discoverer (says the *Preface* gain) *was Troubled in* Conscience, Plot. *nd* Therefore Discloſed the Conspira- ; *Renounc'd That* Bloudy Church, *and* Religion; *hough Promised Greater Advancements for his Diligence n This Design.* Ib.

And what was it but *Horror of Con-* Parallel. *cience* too, (if we may believe *Oaths*, ither *Judicial*, or *Extrajudicial*) that made our *Con- verted Discoverers*, whether *Papists Bred-up*, or *Proselyted*, o *Disclose* This *Popish Treason*, and to *Renounce* That *Bloudy Religion*, in *Defiance* of All Offers of *Re- wards*, and *Advancement?* Was not *Dugdale* to have 500*l.* *Lord Staffords Tryal.* p. 43. And to be *Sainted? Ib.* 44. Was not *Bedloe* to have 4000*l.* in the Case of *Godfrey? Greens Tryal. p.* 30. And might not *Otes*, and all his Fellows, have come in for *Their Snips* to, if their *Consciences* would have *Touch'd?*

But

Plot. *But This Plot was Discover'd* an Oath of Secrecy (says the face) *and the Discoverer Offer* Own Oath too, *in Confirmation of the Particular*

Parallel. What was *Bedloes Sacrament* Altar *Twice a Week, to Conce* Plot; (*Greens Tryal. fol.* 33.) *Oath of Secrecy? Dugdale* took at least *Ten Sc ments of Secrecy.* Sr *George Wakemans Tryal. p.* 10. an *Oath of Secresy*, at *Weld-House-Chappel. Tryal. p.* 28. And then there was *Another Oa Secrecy* taken at *Fox-Hall* too. And so for Rest; Our Discoverers did not only *Offer*, *Deliver* their *Own Oaths*, in *Confirmation* of *Article.*

Plot. Habernfeld *Discovers*, Persons, ces, *and* Times *of* Meeting *too.* Ib.

Parallel. And does not *Otes* Discover *Lords* in the *Tower*; and such O of the *Nobility* and *Gentry*, as a the *Conspiracy.* See his *Narrative* from *fol.* 6 the End. Their *Priests*, *Jesuits*, and *Papists*, *Sorts?* The *Times*, and *Places* of their *Meet* Even to the *Year Week*, *Day*, Nay, and some to the very *Hour*? One while at the *Savoy*, Anot while at the *White-Horse*, *Russel-Street*, *Weld-Stre* and the like.

Plot. *Well! But* Habernfeld's Princ Conspirators *are* [known to be *Instruments* for such a Design. *Ib.*]

Parallel. And are not *Otes's*, as *Fit Instr ments* as *Habernfelds?* The *Principa* are, most of them, Men of *Quali Brains*, *Interest*, and *Estate*: and Consequently, bet ter Qualify'd then other People for the *Executio* any Mischief they have a *Mind* to. Beside, that as

Popish Plot, they are, not only to be *All*, *Roman Catholiques*: but *All* made *Principals* too; without leaving so much as *One Soul of them* to *Witness* for *Another*. Now as there's no *Means* of *Clearing* them, on the *one* hand, saving by *Palpable Blunders*, and *Contradictions*, on the Part of the *Accusers*; So if any of them will *Swear* to the *Hanging-up* of his *Fellows*, on the *Other* Hand, he is presently made *Sacred*, under the *Character* of a *Kings Evidence*; and [*Touch not his Majesties* Witness,] carries *more Authority* along with it, then [*Touch not the Lords* Anointed.]

The *Preface* says further; that [Sir W. Boswell, *and the* Arch-Bishop, *if not the* King Himself, *were fully Satisfy'd, that the Plot was Reall.* Ib.] Plot.

Men may be *Satisfy'd* in the *Reality* of a Thing, and yet *Mistaken* about it; As we have found many Men in *Both Plots* that have *Seem'd* to be *Satisfy'd*, and yet afterward abundantly *Convinced* that they were *Abus'd*. So that the *Belief* of a *Thing* does not *Necessarily Inferr* the *Truth* of it; but it must be the Work of *Time*, and *Scrutiny*, to Perfect the *Discovery*. Parallel.

Neither do I find, Effectually, that there was so much *Credit* given to *Habernfelds Plot*, as is here Suggested. A [*Nemine Contradicente*,] is *No Article of my Faith*; Though it says, that [*There* Is, *and* Hath *been*, a Damnable and Hellish Plot, *Contriv'd*, *and Carry'd on*, *by* Popish Recusants, *for* Assassinating, *and* Murdering *the* King; *for Subverting the* Government, *and Rooting-out*, *and Destroying the* Protestant Religion. *Commons Journal. Oct.* 31. 1678.] Though I must Confess they had *One Powerfull way of Convincing Men*, by the *Argument* of *Swearing* them out of their *Reputations*, *Lives*, *Liberties*, and *Fortunes*, if they would *Not* Believe it.

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The *Parallel* holds thus far Exactly, and we'll now, how it Suites with the *Minutes* of *Haberne Letter* to the *Arch-Biſhop*, which I have made as as I can, for the *Readers Eaſe*, and for my *Own*.

The Minutes *of* Habernfelds Letter.

Plot. *Beſide Expectation, This Good* (ſays *Habernfeld* (ſpeaking of *Firſt Diſcoverer*) *became* Known *me.* p. 1.

Parallel. By the *ſame Providence* it was, *Otes, Bedloe, Prance,* and *Twenty of our Plot-Merchant-Adventurers* came Acquai *Bedloe* Swore to the *Lords* that [*he did not Otes,*] 'till it came out, by *Providence*, that [*him as* Ambroſe, *but not as* Otes?] And ſo, to requite his Kindneſs, [*knew* Williams, *he did not know* Bedloe.] 'Twas ſuch another W derfull *Providence*, *Bedloes* knowing *Prance* ov Pot of Ale, at *Heaven*, after he had Enquired, been Told, which was *Prance*, in the *Commons-L* [*Damme* (ſays *Bedloe*) *That's one of the Rogues Murder'd* Sr Edmundbury Godfrey.]

Plot. As to the [*Scottiſh Stirs,*] he ſpe of. p. 1.

Parallel. *Otes'es Miſſionaries* Anſwer *Habe felds Scotch Lords*; of whom hereafte [The Factions of the *Jeſuits* thorough *Engla* and *Scotland*, p. 2.] and the *Diſcoverers Defea* we have in *Dr. Beale*'s Readings to *Tong* upo them.

Plot and Parallel. *Otes'es Narrative* hits the [*Adja cent Writing* there ſpoken of. Ib.]

Plot and Parallel. [*Habernfeld got Free Liberty to Tre* Ib.] And ſo did *Tong*.

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There must be [*No Delay,*] says *Habernfeld. Ib.* Plot.

Make Otes's Enformation a Record, *Immediately,* says *Tong* ; And so away goes the *One,* to Sr *William Boswell, Ib.* & the *Other* to Sr *Edmund-bury Godfrey.* Parallel.

And now forward. As *Some Principal Heads* (in *Habernfeld's Relation*) were *purposely Pretermitted.* p. 3. Plot.

So *Bedloe shorten'd his Evidence* against *Whitebread,* and *Fenwick,* in the *Jesuits Tryal,* and *Swore* **further**, after he had *Sworn* **all**, *Before* : And so did *Otes* and the rest, [*Purposely Pretermit*] many things, and keep themselves upon the *Reserve.* Parallel.

Habernfeld Propounds *the Intercepting of a Pacquet at* Bruxelles. Plot.

Our Jesuits Five Letters to be Intercepted at the *Post-House* at *Windsor.* p. 3. are the very same *Project.* Parallel.

Habernfeld's Letters are [*Characteristically Written.* Ib.] Plot.

And so are the *Letters* in *Tong's Plot-Hand.* Parallel.

Reade is to *Uncypher* them. *p.* 4. Plot.

As *Otes Uncyphers Forty Eight, Sixty Six, Ciocolatti, Mum,* and *Mustard-Balls* ; as *Reade* is to do the *Same Office* for *Habernfeld,* (P. 4.) Or if it falls out, that *Reade,* upon the *Question,* will rather *Hang* then *Discover* more then he *Knows* ; 'tis but Allowing him *Thirty Thousand Masses for the Health of his Soul,* and *All's well again.* Parallel.

The Searching of *Reades House* for a *Congregation,* Ibid, was so much *Out-done* by *Our Discoverers,* that for *Habernfelds* **One** *Reade,* and **One** *Congregation,* they have shew'd us **Forty.**

Plot. *Habernfeld* takes Great Care, fo[r] fear of truſting *Popiſh Purſuivants*. H[e]

Parallel. For which Reaſon, the *Searching* [o]*ur Houſes*, for *Prieſts*, and *Popiſh Tru[n]kets*, was Committed to *Otes*, *Bedloe*, *Dangerfield*, &[c] inſtead of *Conſtables* and *Ordinary Meſſengers*.

Plot. *Habernfield* Adviſes the *Aboliſhing* [o]*All Bitterneſs of mind, that the Inteſtin[e] Enemy may be Invaded on Both Parts*. P[a]

Parallel. Which *Tongs Friends* in the *Weſtmi[n]ſter Parliament*, *Tranſlated* into *the Un[i]ting of* Proteſtants *againſt the Common Enemy*.

We ſhall come now to [*the General Overture a[nd] Diſcovery of the Plot*:] Bearing date, *Hague*, *Sept.* [5] 1640. ſent with Sir *W. Boſwells Firſt Letter*. p. [6] and ſee how the *Counterpart Anſwers* it, *Head* by *Hea[d]* as it lies.

The General Overture, *and* Diſcover[y] *of the* Plot, &c.

Plot. 1. *That the* Kings Majeſty, *and the Lord Arch-Biſhop are Both of them in Great Danger of their Lives*, p. 6.

Parallel. So ſays, *Otes's Conſult*.

Plot. 2*ly*, *That the Whole* Common-Wealth *is by This Means* Endanger'd, *unleſs this Miſchief be Speedily Prevented*. Ibid.

Parallel. A moſt *Natural Conſequence*: and ſo ſays the *Conſult*, too.

Plot. 3*ly*, *That Theſe* Scottiſh Troubles *are Raiſed to the End, that under This Pre-text, the* King *and Arch-Biſhop might be Deſtroyed*. Ibid.

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Father Moor, and *Father Saunders* sent into *Scotland* to This very End. *Otes'es Narrative. Ar.* 43. Parallel.

4ly, *That there is a Means to be Prescrib'd, whereby Both of them in This Case, may be Preserved, and This Tumult Speedily Compos'd.* Ibid. Plot.

This was the very *Proposal* on the *Other* side too; and the *Means* found out to *Save* All, were *Swearing*, *Jayling*, *Drawing*, *Hanging*, and *Quartering*. Parallel.

5ly, *That although these* Scottish Tumults *be Speedily Compos'd, Yet that the* King *is Endangered, & that there are many ways, by which Destruction is Plotted to the* King, *and Lord Arch-Bishop.* Ibid. Plot.

And All is not *Safe* neither, though *Scotland* were *Quieted*; for there are many other ways *Plotted* to Destroy the *King*: As *Pickerings Gun*, *Conyers'es Dagger*, *Wakemans Poyson*, *Invasions*, *Insurrections*, *Assassinations*, *&c.* Parallel.

6ly, *That a Certain* Society *hath Conspired, which Attempts the Death of the* King, *and Lord Arch-Bishop, and Convulsion of the Whole Realm.* Ibid. Plot.

This same Certain *Society* may be heard of at *St Omers*, *Weld-House*, The *White-Horse-Tavern*, and the like. Parallel.

7ly, *That the same* Society *Every Week Deposites with the* President *of the* Society, *what Intelligence Every of them hath purchased in Eight Days search; and then Confer all into* One Pacquet, *which is Weekly sent to the Director of the Buss'ness.* p. 7. Plot.

Pacquets for the *Provincial*, and Letters of *Intelligence* are a Great Part of the *Narrative Intrigue*. Parallel.

Plot. 8ly, *That All the* Confederates in *said Conſpiracy, may verily be* Named *the* Poll: *But becauſe they may be made known by Other Means, it is thought Meet to Deferr it till hereafter.*

Parallel. *Otes* could have *Poll'd* All the *Conſpirators*, Man by Man, if he had thought fit; but *ſome New Men* and *Things* must be left for *Bedloe*, to *Diſcover*, ſome for *France*, ſome for *Dugdale*; with an *Allowance* to *Otes*, for a Roll of *Conſpirators*, [*Whoſe Names do* Not *Occur at Preſent*] as well as for thoſe whoſe *Names* Do *Occurr at Preſent*. Narrative fol. 61.

Plot. 9ly, *That there is a Ready Means whereby the Villany may be* Diſcover'd, *in One Moment*; *The* Chief Conſpirators *Circumvented, and the Primary Members of the* Conjuration, *apprehended in the very* Act. *Ibid.*

Parallel. *Otes* has his *Ready Means* too for the Ordering of the whole Work in an Inſtant; *Grove* and *Pickering*, we know were to be Taken in *St. James'es-Park*; and the *Ruffians* had been *Dogg'd* to *Windſor* (as *Tong* Aſſures the Earl of *Danby*) if *One of the Horſes had not got a Slip in the Shoulder*. Or at worſt; 'twas but Picking up *Prieſts*, *Papiſts*, and *All Suſpected Perſons*; Plundering their *Baggs*, and their *Houſes*; *Rifling their Papers*; *Cooping-up* the *Popiſh Lords* in the *Tower*; and then *Swearing them All* into the *Treaſon*.

Plot. 10ly, [*That very many about the King who are Accounted moſt Faithfull, and Intimate, to whom likewiſe the moſt Secret Things are Entruſted, Are* Traytors *to the* King, Corrupted *with a* Forreign Penſion, *who Communicate All Secrets of Greater or Leſſer Moment, to a Forreign Power.*] Ibid.

This was *Otes's Method* too; to make *Traytors* of Thoſe that the King Accounted his *Beſt Friends*; and Conſequently, to make *Loyal Subjects* of *Traytors*: And then the *Old Weſtminſter Parliament Supply'd* the *Penſioners*. Parallel.

11ly, *Theſe, and other moſt Secret Things, which ſhall be Neceſſary to be Known, for the Security of the* King, *may be Revealed, if Theſe Things ſhall be Acceptable to the Lord Arch-Biſhop.* p. 7. Plot.

This Article is an Expletive; and Signifies juſt nothing; for how many of theſe *Secrets* did the *Kings Witneſſes Promiſe* to *Reveal*, that never came to *Light*: and, in Truth, never had any *Beeing* in the Nature of Things! But the very *Noiſe*, and *Amuſement* was enough to do the *Work*. Parallel.

12ly. *In the Mean Time; if his Royal Majeſty and the Lord Arch-Biſhop, deſire to Conſult well to Themſelves, they ſhall Keep Theſe Things only Superficially Communicated unto them, moſt* Secretly *under* Deep Silence, *Not Communicating them ſo much as to thoſe whom they Judge moſt* Faithfull *to them, before they ſhall receive by* Name, *in whom they may* Confide; *for elſe they are ſafe on No ſide.* p. 8. Plot.

Juſt at This rate were the *Superficial Communications*, and the *Injunctions* of *Silence*, in the Caſe of *Tong*, and *Otes*; and what was the *Condition* at laſt too, but that the *King* ſhould *Truſt No Other*, then ſuch as the *Diſcoverers* or (which is all one) the *Conſpirators* ſhould *Name*: As *Otes* Excepted to ſuch and ſuch Perſons by *Name*, out of the *Committee* that was to *Examine* him. Parallel.

13ly. *Likewiſe they may be Aſſured, that whatſoever Things are here Propoſed, are No* Figments, *nor* Fables, *nor* Vain Dreams; Plot.

but such Real Verities, *which may be* Demonstrat
in every small Tittle: For Those who Thrust themselv
into This Bus'neß, are such men, who mind no [Gain:
but the very Zeal *of* Christian Charity *suffers them*
to Conceal *These Things: Yet,* both from his Majest
and the Lord Arch-Bishop, some **Small Exemp**
of Gratitude will be Expected. *p.* 8.

Parallel. These are the very *Reasonings,* a
Pretences of *Ezrel Tong,* put into t
Mouth of *Titus Otes*: No *Figments,* So help me God
No Thought of **Gain**; but *Pure Zeal,* and *Christ*
Charity, to work upon the *Discoverers. But yet* j
small Exemplar of **Gratitude** *will be Expected*;
matter of *Ten, or Twelve Pound a Week-Pension*
Otes; and the Value, perhaps, of Four or Five tim
is much more, in *Presents,* and *Veils*: A *Deane*
or some such Trifle, for *Tong.* What is All This, b
a *Flat Contradiction,* thrown in the very Face of th
Pretext?

It is as Clear as Day, that *Tong* and *Haberns*
in All Things Material, Walk *Hand in Hand* th
rough the Whole Story: But to avoid Idle Repe
tions as much as may be, I shall in the Next Pla
make a *Short Abstract* of *Habernfeld*'s *Last,* and *La*
Paper of Intelligence; and so Finish my *Parallel.*
bears This Following Title; And from thence
shall Proceed to the *Heads* of it.

[*The Large, and Particular Discovery of the Plo*
against the King, Kingdom, *and* Protestant Re-
ligion, *and to raise the* Scottish Wars. p. 13.]

Plot. The [*A*] *King* is in *Danger* of his
Life and *Crown,* [*B*] *England* and *Scot-*
land to be *Subverted.* The *Discoverer* of This was
Born and Bred in the [*C*] *Popish Religion*; being
[*D*]

[D] Fit for the *Design.* p. 13. He was [E] sent over by *Cardinal Barbarini* [F] Troubled in *Conscience*, and [G] came over to the *Orthodox Religion.* [H] *Reveal'd* the *Treason* to a *Friend*, [I] Put the *Particulars* iu *Writing*, out of which were drawn [K] *Articles.* p. 14. He falls upon *the* [L] *Jesuitical Off-spring of Cham.* p. 15. The [M] *Society* are the *Conspirators.* The [N] *Popes Legat* is their *Chief Patron.* They hold their [O] *Weekly Intelligences.* p. 16. *Cuneus*, the *Instrument* of the [P] *Conjur'd Society.* He Presents the King with *Roman Curiosities*: Promises, but Means it not, to Espouse the Cause of the *Palatinate.* p. 17. Offers the Bishop a *Cardinals Cap*; makes use of *Court-Instruments* and *Mediations.* p. 18. But finding All in *Vain*; [Q] *Ambushes* were to be Prepar'd, wherewith the *Lord Arch-Bishop*, together with the *King*, should be *Taken.* p. 19. They pass [R] *Sentence* against the *King*, and lay hold of the *Indignities* put upon *Prynne*, *Burton*, and *Bastwick*; and the *Scotch Service-Book*; to stir up the *Puritans* to a *Revenge.* Some *Scottish Popish Lords*, are sent to Enflame [S] *Scotland*; by which, the [T] Hurtfull Disturber of the *Scottish Liberty* might be *Slain.* [V] An *Indian Nut* provided by the *Society*, and shew'd to the *Discoverer*, in a [W] Boasting Manner; To *Poyson* the [X] *King*, after the Example of his *Father.* p. 21. *Hamilton*'s *Chaplain* Private with *Cuneus*: A *Chaplain* of *Richelieu*'s sent over to *Assist* the *Conspiracy*: A Character given of *Sr Toby Mathews.* p. 22. And an Account of his *Intelligences*, *Haunts*, and *Meetings.* p. 23. The Story of *Reade* over again. p. 24. *Jesuits Letters*, and *Meetings*, And [Y] *All the Papists of* England *Contributing to the Design.* p. 25. *One Widow Gave Forty Thousand Pound English*, toward it, And Others, beyond their *Ability* in *Proportion.* He follows This, with a Ramble

upon Several Persons by *Name*, that were dipt in the *Conspiracy*; And further with This *Remarkable Discovery*.

The President of the aforesaid Society, was my Lord Gage, *a* Jesuit Priest, *Dead above Three Years since. He had a Palace Adorn'd with Lascivious Pictures, which Counterfeited Prophaneness in the House; but with this was Palliated a* Monastery, *wherein* Forty Nuns *were Maintained, hid in so Great a Palace. It is Scituated in* Queen Street, *which the Statue of a* Golden Queen *Adorns. The* Secular Jesuits *have bought All This Stone, and have Reduced it into a* Quadrangle, *where a Jesuitical* College *is Tacitly built, with the Hope that it might be Openly finish'd as soon as the* Universal Reformation *was begun.* p. 29.]

Parallel to the Large Discovery.

To pass a Short Note now upon the Whole; The Design upon the [*A*] *King*, and [*B*] *England and Scotland*, is the *General Scope* of *Otes's Plot*.. He pretends to come over from [*C*] the *Popish Religion*. No man *Fitter* for the [*D*] Design: [*E*] sent over, [*F*] Troubled in *Conscience*, and [*G*] *Converted*. The *General* of the *Jesuits* at *Rome*, and the *Provincial Here*, did the Parts of *Cardinal Barberin* and the *Popes Legat*. *Otes* [*H*] *Revealed* the Treason to *Tong*, and [*I*] put the *Particulars* in *Writing*; out of which, *Tong* Extracted [*K*] *Articles*. *Otes* makes [*M*] the *Society* the *Conspirators*. The *Provincial* serves for [*N*] The *Popes Legat*. The [*O*] *Weekly Intelligences Grove* took an Account of; and for *Instruments* of the [*P*] *Conjur'd Society*. *Otes's Narrative* has them in abundance. The [*Q*] *Ambushes* were laid in St. *James's*, and at *Windsor*. *The* [*R*] *Sentence pass'd at several Consults*. The *Rebellion* in [*S*] *Scotland*, by Irritating the *Puritans* was Manag'd by *Otes's Missionaries*; and the *King* to be *Murder'd*,

as the [T] *Hurtfull Disturber of their Liberties. Wakemans Poyson* was [U] the *Indian Nut*; and *Cuneus's Boasting* of it, Answers *Conyers'es shewing Otes the Dagger, in Grays-Inn-Walks. Habernfelds* Talk of *Poysoning* the [X] *King*, after the Example of his *Father*, was *Match'd*, both in the *Narrative* of *Otes'es Plot*, and Expresly in his *Epistle* before that *Narrative*: to the *Eternal Infamy* of the *Reporters* of it: And as *Habernfeld* [Y] makes *All the Papists of England to be Concern'd in This Conspiracy*, so *Otes* in his *Epistle*, and *Narrative*, has made an *Universal Plot* on't: Only we want a *Forty-Thousand-Pound Widow* to *Perfect* the *Parallel*: But That Defect is Amply Supply'd in *Irish Contributions*, and *Other Secret Services.*

As to the *Foolery* of the *Last Paragraph*, the Man must be a Great *Stranger* to *London*, as well as to *Common Sense*, that can look upon it as any other then a most *Extravagant Foppery*; and without any *Colour*, or *Coherence.*

After This *Large Discovery*, as the Enformer Pretends, comes a *Summary*, in Eleven Heads, of the *Whole Matter*, which is only the same over again; and is Answer'd over again by the same *Parallel*: Only the 10*th Clause* has an Expression in it Worthy of *Remarque.*

Some (says he) *of the Principal, Unfaithful ones of the Kings Party, are Notify'd by Name. Many of whose Names* [Occur] Not *yet their* Habitations *are Known.* p. 31.

Now in *Otes'es Muster* of the *Conspirators*, it runs [*Whose Names* [Occurr] *at Present. Nar.* fol. 61.] One would have thought they might have Vary'd the *Phrase* a little: But our *Modern Discoverers* have been much better at *Copying* then at *Inventing*; Witness This Whole *Parallel*; and the *Five Jesuits Letters.*

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It must not be *Omttted* neither, that [*the Order* ... Politicians] which *Habernfeld* speaks of, p. 15. ... *Learnedly Turn'd*, forsooth, into *the Order of* [... *LITITIANI*,] by *Otes*, in his *Narrative*. *Art.* 53.

In Conclusion, here's a *Plot* Copy'd-out to ... *Life*, and the *Transcript*, a most *Scandalous*, and ... *pious Cheat*, beyond all Controversy, whatever ... *Original* was. But in regard the Publisher Affirms ... that the *Kings Minister*, and the *Arch-Bishop*, if not ... the *King Himself*, were *fully Satisfy'd* in the Reality ... of it; we shall first Examine upon what *Grounds* the ... *Publisher* speaks; And after That, come to a fair ... Reasoning upon the *Main Matter* in *Issue*; which ... cannot be so well done, as by Delivering the Several Letters at Large, and then making a Judgment ... upon the *Whole Proceeding*. We are got thus far Onward of our way now thorough the *Parallel*; And ... the Next Question will be *This*.

CHAP.

CHAP. V.

Was Habernfelds Modell it ſelf, *an* Hiſtorical Truth, *or a* Fiction?

WHoever looks Narrowly into *Habernfelds Plot*, and the ſeveral *Parts* of it, will find it to be rather a *Leſſon*, or a *Project*, then the *Juſt Account* of an *Hiſtorical Truth*. The Bus'neſs of *Conſcience*, *Oaths of Secreſy*, *Enformation*, and the Circumſtances of *Who*, *What*, *Where*, *When*, *How*, *&c.* are only matters of Courſe; for there muſt be *Perſons*, *Things*, *Places*, *Time*, and *Manner* Aſſign'd, even to the moſt *Extravagant Fiction* that ever was in *Nature*. This was the Compoſition, *Firſt*, of *Habernfelds Diſcovery*, and afterwards of *Tong*'s *Counter-part* of it: He furniſhes *Otes* with *Lights*, and *Inſtructions*; Gives the Contrivance the Name of a *Conſpiracy*; *Titus* Plucks up a Good Heart, and *Swears* to't, and ſo there's a *New Plot* made of an *Old* one.

The Firſt Opening of Habernfelds Plot.

It muſt be Obſerv'd that This Intelligence of *Habernfeld* was ſet afoot, when *Charles the Firſt*, was at *York*, in *September*, 1640. to Adviſe with his *Great Councill of Peers* about the *Scottiſh Rebellion*. The Kings Affairs were upon a *Pinch*, and there never was more need of a *Forgery* to Caſt the *Scottiſh Inſurrection* upon the *Papiſts*, and to turn the Peoples Hearts, *From*, and *Againſt* his Majeſty, then upon that Juncture: Eſpecially, for a Preparatory to the Work of the *Next Parliament*,

Parliament, that was to Meet *Novem.* 3. followi
Upon this Occasion, Sir *W. Boswell*, (the Kings M
nister at the *Hague*) wrote to the *Arch-Bishop* abo
This *Plot*. The *Letter* is *Long*, and so are the Oth
Papers upon This Subject: but to satisfy the Reade
Curiosity they may be seen at Large in the Pamph
heretofore mention'd, or in *the First Volume of D
Nalsons Collections*. fol. 467. So that a short Abstra
will be enough for my Bus'ness: And I shall beg
with Sir *W. Boswells First Letter*. He sends Enclo
in this Letter, a Copy of *Habernfeld's Informa*
concerning the *Plot*, wherein the Points that I
Remarque upon, are Principally These.

An Abstract of Sir W. Boswells First Letter.

The Discovery was First, *made him at* [Second-Hand,] *and* [Speech.]

The Matter was soon after put in [Order,] *Avow'd by the* [Principal Party;] *and Deliver'd him in Writing by* [Both Together;] *Upon* Promise *and* Oath, *to Reveal it only to his Grace, and by him to his Majesty.*

Habernfeld remits himself to the Arch-Bishop with a most Earnest Charge of *Silence*, and that *No Person be By, or within* Hearing, *at the Communicating of it to his Majesty*; *and No Mortal else to know of it.*

There must be no Asking of *Names*, nor of *Further Discoveries*, nor *Advertisements*; nor the *Discoverer*, upon any Terms, to be so much as *Pointed at*, for fear of spoiling the Whole Bus'ness: For this [King, Government, *and* Religion,] are All at Stake, and *the Enformer will run Extreme Hazzard of his* Person, *and Life*. No; it must not be so much as Enquir'd *How*, or by *What Means* the *Discoverer* came to *Know* All This.

As to Sr *William Boswells Opinion* of the Matter; he

has these words, [*As I* May *believe These Overtures are* Verifyable *in the Way they will be laid; and that the Parties will not shrink*, &c.] And again [*If These Overtures happily sort with his Majesties, and your Graces Mind*, &c.]

The Rest is only Praying of *Instructions*; Proposing a *Cypher*; and so with a suitable Decency of Respect, in such a Case, he Concludes his Letter. *Hague. September.* 9. 1640. *Sti. Loci.*

There was never less perhaps of *Surprize*, or *Astonishment* (the weight of the matter Consider'd) then was Express'd upon This Occasion: which shews Sufficiently What *Opinion* the Kings Minister Entertain'd of the *Truth* of the Story. He was *Sworn* to *Secrecy*, *Himself*; and he Presses it to the Archbishop under *the Conscience of That Obligation.* The *Caution* is *Habernfelds*; *Sr William Boswells Confidence* goes no farther then *I* [*MAY*] *Believe.* And then [*IF*] *These Overtures happily sort with his Majesties, and your Graces Mind, and shall accordingly prove Effectual in their Operation*] &c. Here's [*No Contracting of Bowels*; *No Loins trembling with Horror*, in the Stile of *Habernfeld.* p. 4. and yet I persuade my self, that the *Kings Resident* had as much Tenderness for the Kings *Life*, as *Andreas ab Habernfeld.*

The Parallel of Tongs Plot, and Habernfelds goes on still.

But here's the Train of my *Parallel* still, even through This Letter it self. *Otes'es* pretended Discovery was [by a Second Hand] by *Tong*; And at *First*, in [Speech] too; which was the Case of *Tong* again to Mr *Kirkby.* It was likewise [Order'd] by *Tong*, and [*soon after Avow'd by the* Principal,] (which was *Otes*) and [*Deliver'd in* Writing *also, by* Both Together.] And so was *Otes'es True Narrative.* [*Upon Promise and Oath of* Secrecy:] which Agrees with *Young Tong's Paper*

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of *Jan.* 5. 1681. [*When my* Father *and Otes* came Fox-Hall (says he) Mr Kirkby *was taken in as an* assistant, *after he had been* Sworn *to* Secrecy:] This is Effectually, Confirm'd again by *Mr Kirkby's Own Narrative*, which says that Tong *Earnestly* requested *him not to Acquaint any Other Person with it* but *the King.*] Nay *Habernfeld* takes upon him, in short, to *Tutor* his Majesty, by Prescribing to him the very *Measures* of *Faith*, *Justice*, and *Prudence* that he was to Walk by. He must not *Shew*, nor *Trust*, nor be *Over-heard*, nor *Ask Questions*; but lay it home to the King, as he will Answer it to God in a Case of *Conscience*, &c. So that not only The *Model*, but *Otes's Sawcyness* was Copy'd, after the *President* of *Habernfeld*. Upon the Whole Matter here are so many *Amusements*, *Generalities*, and *Restrictions*, and the Danger Spun out so far at length that *Charles the First* might have been Murder'd Fifty times over, in the very Time of *Habernfeld's* telling *his Tale*; And *Charles the Second*, in the *Parallel*, run the very same *Risque* in the *Discovery* of *Otes*.

The Arch-Bishop writes Immediately to the King.

Upon the Receit of *Habernfeld* from *Sr William Boswell*, his Grace of *Canterbury* Dispatch'd an Express away immediately to the *King*, and received his own Letter again with his Majesties Directions in the *Margent*. The *Marginals* are only Assurance of *Secrecy*; Notes of *Respect*; and *Directions* What to do, without laying any Stress upon the *Danger* of the *Conspiracy*. The Only Passages in this Archbishops Letter, for my present purpose, are These Following.

An Abstract of his Graces Letter.

[*The Danger it seems is Imminent, and laid by God knows whom, but to be Executed by them that are now about you.*

Now may it pleaſe your Majeſty, This Enformation is either True, *or there is ſome* Miſtake *in it.* If *it be* True, *the Perſons that make the Diſcovery will deſerve Thanks, and Reward.* If *there ſhould be Any* Miſtake *in it, your Majeſty can loſe nothing but a little Silence.*

The Bus'neſs (If *it be*) *is Extreme Foul; The Diſcovery thus by God's Providence offer'd, ſeems Fair. I do hereby humbly beg it upon my Knees of your Majeſty, that you would* Conceal *This Bus'neſs from Every Creature, and* His Name *that* Sends *This to me.*

Sr, For Gods ſake, and your Own Safety, Secrecy *in This Bus'neſs: And I beſeech you ſend me back This Letter, and All that comes with it, ſpeedily, and* Secretly, *and truſt not your Own* Pockets *with them. I ſhall not Eat, nor Sleep in Quiet, 'till I receive them.*

Once again, Secrecy, *for* Gods ſake *and* your Own.

So far am I now from finding the King, and the Archbiſhop ſo [Fully Satisfy'd] of the *Reality* of this Plot, (as Mr. *Prynne* affirms they were) that the Matter ſeems to Me to be left rather in Ballance, with an [If *it be True*;] And [*the Bus'neſs,* If *it be, is Extreme Foul:*] Beſide that the Expreſſion of [*By no body knows whom,*] ſeems to Intimate from That Generality, that the Enformation is either *Fruitleſs*, or *Falſe*: For it Inſinuates a *Treachery* in ſome about the King; It Labours to make his Majeſty *Jelous* of his *Servants*, without giving him any *Means* to Avoid the *Danger*. The Main Streſs of the Letter lies upon the Point of [Secrecy,] wherein the Archbiſhop did but Comply with the Injunctions that were laid upon him; nor is there any thing more ſayd in This Caſe upon the Hazzard of the Kings Perſon, then by that *Dutyfull, Wiſe, Zelous*, and *Faithfull Prelate*, would have been ſaid, upon the *Odds of Ten Thouſand Worlds to a Nut-ſhell*, againſt the *Truth* of the *Enformation*. And Thoſe Words

[*Sir,*

[*Sr, For Gods sake, and your Own Safety,* [Secrecy *in This Bus'nes,*] Amount to no more then such *Caution* as would have been given against the *Unlikely* of *Possibilities.*

There are *Two Letters more* of *Sr William Bo* to the *Arch-Bishop*, of *Later Date*, which have l more in them then Secrecy, and Circumspection ver and over again; and the *Discoverers Oath* [*to what he hath already Declar'd, or shall hereafter clare in the Bus'nes.*] [*His* Name *must be still Conc though he thinks his Majesty, by the Character he g of Himself, will easily Imagine who he is, havin known so Generally through Court, and City for Thr Four Year in the Quality, and Employment he Ack ledgeth by his Declaration Himself to have held.*

The Parallel goes on.

As to *Habernfelds* Readyne Swear; That has been *Otes's* too; and for his [Secrecy, *and* cumspection,] *Tong* and *Otes* have kept themse upon the *Same Guard. Habernfeld* was afraid o ing Discover'd; while *Tong* and *Otes* Refine his *Fears*, and *Demonstrate* the Ill *Consequences* of *bing*; As in the Case of his being *Can'd*, and *Bu* by *Whitebread*, and almost *Murder'd* in *Cock-Pit ley* by a Drunken Fellow that took him for a *Ba* which *Affront*, *Otes* Files to the *Popish Account* *Stratford*, he says, (the Drunken Fellows *Name* *Employ'd by the* Jesuits *to do him a Mischief.* Narrat Article 80.] I am to Mark once again, that after *Habernfelds Importunities* to be kept *Private*, he *covers Himself*: which is but *Tong and Otes, al long still.*

Otes known to his Majesty by a Certain Token.

Upon *Dr. Tongs* First Appearanc before the *King and Council*, Sept 28. 1678. *he was desired* (as I hear

the Story under his own Hand) *to give some Character of Mr* Otes's *Person* : [*In that, he referr'd himself to his Majesty, & the Bord, to whom* Mr Otes *was* Well known, he said, *by Several Affairs, which he had Manag'd before them with* Various Success, as he had heard; *and particularly in an Affair of the Navy, wherein he was Employ'd under* Sir Richard Ruth's Command.] His Majesty thereupon (*says* Dr. Tong's Paper) *call'd him to Mind, and said he knew him.*] Here's the *Parallel* of Otes'es *Incognito* too: And what was *Otes'es Bus'neß* before the King and Councel at last, but briefly This.

The Token it self.

One *Parker* of *Haſtings* in 1675. upon very Good Reaſons, kept *Otes* out of the *Pulpit* ; *Otes*, in Requital, Swore *Sodomy* upon him : *Parker* thereupon was *Clapt-up, Indicted, Try'd*, and *Acquitted*, upon Manifeſt Proof of the *Impoſſiblity* of *Otes'es Accuſation* to be *True*: for, by Good Luck, *Parker* Prov'd himſelf to have been at a *Publique Meeting*, at the time laid in the *Indictment*. While *Parker* was in *Priſon*, *Otes* Accus'd This *Parkers Father*, for very *Scandalous Words* againſt ſome of the Lords of the *Councel* ; The Matter was brought to a *Hearing* ; *Parker Diſcharg'd*, and the Whole Bus'neſs found to be a *Falſe* and *Malicious Proſecution*. *This* was the *Affair* that made *Otes Known to the King*, and *Councell* : And then for his Employment under *Sr. Richard Ruth* ; If his *Coat* had not *Pleaded* for his *Neck*, he might have *Stretch'd*, for *Buggery*, while he was under his Command ; And never any Creature certainly was *Valu'd* upon his being known to a *Privy Councel*, by *Lewder Tokens*. But now to the Story of *Habernfeld* again.

Habernfelds Plot had Less Credit every day then Other.

The *Intelligence* began Sep. 6. 16[illegible] and from thence, to the followi[illegible] *October*. 15. it was Every day l[illegible] Heeded then Other: Insomuch, th[illegible] *Sr. William Boswells Two Last Lett[illegible]* had little more in them then a *Ministerial Resp[illegible]* his Majesties *Order* and *Command*; and *There* it w[illegible] (for ought I could ever hear to the Contrary) t[illegible] the *Discovery Sunk* too, without any further Tydi[illegible] of the *Sentence*, or of the *Ambushes* in *Habernfelds D[illegible] claration*. Neither do I find, after all his Instances [illegible] *Concealment*, and his *Promises* of *Discovery*, so m[illegible] as *One Proveable Point* in the *Whole Relation*; bu[illegible] runs alltogether upon *Generalities*, and *Political R[illegible] flexions*, and from thence it was, that *Tong* drew t[illegible] Lines of *Otes's Narrative*. Any man that has E[illegible] in his Head may see, that the *Plot* of 1678. was ta[illegible] out of That of 1640. And truly I look upon *H[illegible] bernfelds Plot* to have been as much a *Sham* in the *O[illegible] ginal*, as *Tong's* was in the *Copy*. It was Started [illegible] 1640. when the *Scotts* were up to the Ears in t[illegible] *Rebellion*. The Peoples Heads were set upon *Plun[illegible]* That Time, and the *Faction* had *need* of them; t[illegible] they had no better way in the World to *Palliate* t[illegible] *Treason*, then to make the *Papists* the *Authors* of i[illegible] and by a kind of *Revulsion*, to draw the Ill Humo[illegible] from the *Puritans* to the *Roman Catholiques*: Besid[illegible] the *Dilemma* they put upon the King, either to [illegible] *Ruin'd*, by the *Envy* of *Joyning Interests* with the *P[illegible] pists*, or by the want of Those Hands which migh[illegible] have Contributed to his *Preservation*. The *Discover[illegible]* pretends himself a *Convert* too, in *Abhorrence* of th[illegible] *Malicious Practices of the Bloudy Romanists*. So that h[illegible] Dates his *Conversion* from before the *Scottish Tumult*, which began in 1637. aud brings in his *Discovery* *betwixt Two and Three Year after*. So that either the

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Story was a *Cheat*, or the *Penitent* was a *Cheat*; and it is *just as Broad as 'tis Long*, as to the *Kings Interest*, whether of the Two.

And it is not All neither, that the *Manage* of it was *Cold*, and *Dilatory*; The *Progress Slow*, and the *Information* Extremely *Short*, and *Trivial*; but the *Narrative it self* is *Inconsistent*, One Part of it with Another, and as *Coarsly Contriv'd*, as it is *Incongruously put together*.

Cardinal Richelieu, he says, was the *First Mover* of the *Scottish Troubles*, and yet *Lowden* was Committed to the *Tower* for Signing an Address for *Relief*, and *Protection*, to *That very Cardinal*. So that the *Scots* rather dealt with the *French*, then the *French* with *Them*; And how *Great-Good-Will* soever the Cardinal might have for our *Divisions*, we do not reade of any *Visible Succours* yet they received from That Quarter.

If the *Five Members* were *Papists*, Well and Good; for [*their Treating with Forreign Power to Assist them, was* One Article *of their* Charge. *Exact Coll. p.* 544.] And then the Great Act of *Indemnity*, upon the *Late Kings Restauration*, is *a Thousand Proofs against them*; for they had the Wit to carry the *Retrospect* of That *Pardon* up to 1637. That is to say, to the Opening of the *Scotch Tumults*; which was a matter of *Three Year* beyond the *Date* of the *English Rebellion*: and shews *what sort of Papists* they were, that Mov'd the *Scottish Broils*. There never was perhaps such a Jumble of *Nonsence* put upon a *Nation*, for *Politiques*, as in *These Two Pretended Plots*, the King was at the same time to be *Murder'd* by the *Protestants*, as a *Papist*, and by the *Papists*, as a *Puritan*; and his *Roman Catholique Subjects* in *Flesh and Bloud*, to have their Brains beat out in his *Defence*, by *Another Army of Papists in the Air*, that sought his *Confusion*.

The *Papiſts*, it ſeems, *Diſ-affected the People*; *Inſtructed* the *Faction*, *Manag'd* the *Rebellion*; Laid *Ambuſhes* (ſays *Habernfeld*, and *Otes* after him) for the *King*: *Paſs'd Sentence* upon him, and in the End were *Sequeſter'd*, *Plunder'd*, *Jayl'd*, *Hang'd-up*, or *Cut to pieces*, by the *Puritans* for their *Pains*.

But to draw to an End, *Dr Heylin* in his *Cyprianus Anglicus*, and the Author of the *Popes Nuncio*, are both Agreed upon't, that the Commiſſion of *Cuneus* reſpected only to the *Queen*, and her *Devotion*. It appears likewiſe, that there were ſome *Overtures* toward a *Better Underſtanding* betwixt the Members of the *Two Churches*, by Certain *Abatements* and *Approches*, on the *One* ſide, and on the *Other*; but not One Syllable of a *Plot* upon his Majeſties *Perſon*, 'till This *Bohemians Revelation*. The Publiſher of *Whitlocks Memorials*, makes no more of *Habernfelds Long Letter*, then [*a Fancy which* Prynne *hath Publiſhed in Print, upon Truſt*, (as he uſeth to do) *as well as Others*. fol. 31.]

It is further to be Conſider'd, that for *This Plot* (ſuch as it was) *the King knew of it, and never Minded it further*; Though *Prynne* makes it the *Root* of all our Following *Calamities*; and *Tong* brings it down to *Otes'es Diſcovery*, and the Lord knows how long after. So that *Charles the Firſt*, Fought, and Acted againſt himſelf, all the while, and came to be *Murder'd* in the *Concluſion*, by the *One* ſide becauſe he *Would ſeem* be a *Papiſt*, and by the *Other*, becauſe he *Was One*. Juſt as *Tong* brought the Late King into *Otes'es Plot*, *againſt his Own Life, Crown, and Dignity*.

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CHAP. VI.

If Tong's, *or* Otes'es Plot, *was an* Impoſture, *whether or no was it ſo* Deſign'd *from the* Beginning; *or were the* Impoſtors Themſelves, Impos'd *upon.*

THat *This Plot* was a *Cheat*, is no longer a *Doubt*, nor, at Preſent, the *Queſtion*; but whether it was *Originally* Meant for One, or *Afterward* Employ'd into One, will be the Point in This Place. Now I am perſuaded, that it was *Both*; for it is no leſs Clear, that *Tong Unkennel'd the Fox*, then it is that *Shaftsbury*, the *Maſter* of the *Bloud-Hounds*, Govern'd the *Chace*. I ſhall be very carefull of Delivering any thing upon This Subject but on as Good Authorities as the Teſtimony of *Authentique Papers*, *Reaſonable Inferences*, and *Notoriety* of *Fact* can furniſh me withall: And I doubt not of making Good the *Truth* of my *Evidences*, or the *Force*, and *Equity* of my *Concluſions*, upon as *Pregnant Proofs*, and *Preſumptions*, as the Law it ſelf requires for the Fair Gaining of a Cauſe in *Weſtminſter-Hall.*

In One of *Dr. Tong's Papers*, I find Theſe Words [*To Diſcover the Plot againſt the King and his Family, I wrote the* Royal Martyr *in the Year* [1672.] Tongs Plot.

1672.] Or, as he has it in several Other Places [*About the Year Seventy One and Two.*] So that here is a *Plot Presum'd*, and a *Book Written*, purposely to *Discover* it; but No Plot as yet in *Sight*, more than the Design of *Setting up One Plot* under the *Appreheension* of *Another*. 'Tis but first putting it in the Peoples heads, that there *Is* a *Popish Conspiracy*. 2dly, Asking them *what they would do, if the Papists should Rise?* 3ly, *Beginning a Fire*, a *Massacre*, or an *Insurrection*, *Themselves*, and calling it a *Popish* one, and here's the Work Carry'd-on in a Direct Line from *Tong's Royal Martyr* to the Battle at *Sedgmore*.

Habernfeld's and Tongs Plot, much the same.

According to *Tong's* Computation we are to believe *Habernfeld's Plot*, and *Otes'es* to be *One and the same*: though well nigh *Forty Years* betwixt 'em: An *Eight Years Rebellion*; A *Twelve Years Interregnum*; (as to the Kings Exercise of his Power.) *Another Dozen of Years* from the *Restoring* of the Late King, *Intervening*; The Managers of the Old Plot, in their *Graves*; Not so much as *One* of *Habernfeld's Patrons*, or *Instruments*, in *Being*, to *Promote* it: And yet after so many *Turns*, *Changes*, and Wonderfull *Revolutions* of State, (never Stranger perhaps) in Two Kings Reigns, we are set upon the Hunt, in *Seventy Eight*, for a Plot Antecedent to the *Scottish Tumults* in *Thirty Seven*; and to take *Tong's*, and *Otes'es* Word for't, that *Their Narrative* is, in Effect, but the True History of *Habernfeld's*, and the *Old Plot Continu'd*. If it should be said that it is only the *Same Influence Continu'd*, they will be put to Prove the Descending of it, in a *Regular*, and an *Uninterrupted Process*, and *Operation*, which is a thing as *Impossible* to be *made-out*, as it is *Ridiculous* to *Imagine*: Beside, that All the *Old Actors* are either out of the *World*, out of the *Case*, or out

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of *Play*; and an Inference would hold as well from the Hiſtory of *Noahs Floud* to the *Laſt Sea-breach*, as from *One Conſpiracy* to the *Other*: Over and above that, This Fancy puts *All Otes's Intelligences*, *Diſpatches*, *Commiſſions*, and *Conſults*, quite out of Doors. To talk of a *Plot* of *Reformation* going on, ſignifies Nothing, where the *King-Killing Plot* is the *Queſtion*. The *Plot* of Perſuading Other People to be of *Our Religion*, ever *Did*, and *Does*, and *Will* go-on, no doubt on't, 'till People are all of a Mind; and it is but a *Charitable Duty*, for a Man that thinks *Himſelf* in a Safe way to Heaven, to wiſh that his *Brother* would go along with him for Company. Beſide, that This is a Deſign to Date from *Edward the Sixth*, or *Henry the Eighth*, rather then from *Cuneus*, or *Habernfeld*. But *Tong* talks of *Habernfelds Plot*, as if it were to ſerve to the end of the World, like a *Perpetual Almanack*. [*The* Son (ſays *Tong* after *Cuneus*) *was to follow the Fate of his Father.*] Why did they not *Diſpatch* him then in his *Exile*; when they had him in their *Power*? Why did they put it off ſo long after his *Return*? How came This Malicious Determination to *Sleep* all this while? Or where did it *Reſt*? The Moſt, in fine, that can be made on't, is, that *Tong* might perchance *Imagine* a *Plot*, and *That Plot* to be *Everlaſting* too, where in Truth there was *None at all*; and a man may lye under a *Miſtake*, without Incurring the Scandal of an *Impoſtor*: To which, This is my Anſwer: that I lay no Streſs upon bare *Likelihoods*, *Poſſibilities*, or *Peradventures*: But I ſhall Prove from his own *Pen*, and *Practice*, that he *Meditated* an *Impoſture* from the *Beginning*, and *Aſſiſted* it with all his Might.

But why the Hiſtory of *Habernfelds Plot* [illegible] *Forty*, in the Year *Seaventy Two?* Saving only [illegible] Frame a *New* Plot by it that ſhould Anſw[illegible] the Features of the *Old* One? At this rate, he [illegible] the Plot that he Pretended only to Refine, or [illegible] And inſtead of *Tracing Habernfelds Plot* down [illegible] *Otes'es*, he *Carry'd-up Otes'es Narrative* to ſit for [illegible] Picture of *Habernfelds*. He did, in ſhort, like yo[illegible] *Prophetical Incendiaries*; That Firſt *Foretell Fires*, [illegible] then *Kindle* them.

Tong an Agent for Popery.

It is well known among the Pa[illegible] riſhoners of *St. Mary Stayning's* [illegible] *don*, that for ſome Years before the Alarum [illegible] the *Pretended Popiſh Plot*, *Tong* was perpetually Calcu[illegible] ting, what Wonderfull Things they ſhould ſoon S[illegible] & Hear from the *Papiſts*: Inſomuch, that an Enform[illegible] tion of *Auguſt* 1681. was Deliver'd upon That Sub[illegible] ject, to *Sr Leoline Jenkins*, in theſe Following Word[illegible]

A Remarkable Practice.

Theſe are to Certify whom it ma[illegible] Concern, That the Parties Subſcribi[illegible] do Acknowledge and Declare, th[illegible] Dr Otes *and* Dr Tong *were very well acquainted to[illegible] ther in our Pariſh of* St. Mary-Staynings, Londo[illegible] *before* Dr Otes *went to* St. Omers, *and afterwa[illegible] And further we do declare, that we have heard* Dr To[illegible] *ſay at a Publique Table to ſeveral of our Neighbour[illegible] that* if any Perſon or Perſons would turn to t[illegible] *Roman Religion*, the ſaid *Dr Tonge* would have the[illegible] to a Place, where the Perſons ſo Turn'd ſhou[illegible] receive Fourteen ſhillings a Week, *or Words to th[illegible] ſame Purpoſe*; which, *he ſaid*, would be Paid, with[illegible] out Loſs of Time, or Hindrance of Bus'neſs.

Aug. 26. 1681.

Chriſtopher Kemble,
James Morton.

It was well enough Judg'd of *Tong*, that the *Dread* of *Popery* in *Viſion*, was the ready way to Introduce the *Belief* of a *Popiſh Plot* in *Fact*; and that the *Preſage* would Naturally Uſher-in the *Impoſture*. He took his Text ſtill out of *Habernfeld*; made a *New Narrative* of an *Old* One; Cut it out into *Articles*; Got them *Home Sworn*; (which he calls making a *Record* of them) and ſo *brought his Own Predictions to Paſs*. That this was his *Aim*, *Proſpect*, and *Intent*, no Mortal will be able to Doubt, that takes along with him the *Circumſtances*, and the *Manage* of That Affair. He had *Otes* all this while in his *Eye*, and at his *Elbow*, and *Command*: So that he was his *Tool*, his *Witneſs*, and his *Penſioner*, All in One; A Fellow that had neither *Brains*, *Mony*, *Friends*, *Credit*, nor *Conſcience*; but a *Shameleſs Hardneſs of Heart*, and *Forehead*, to Qualify him for a *Confident* to This *Execrable*, and *Diabolical Secret*. *Tong's* Offer of *Fourteen Shillings a Week to any man that ſhould turn* **Papiſt**, was only a more Artificial way of *Fiſhing* for *Witneſſes*: For He that would *go over*, or *Pretend* to *go over*, for *Fourteen Shillings*, would probably come *back again* for *Four and Twenty*. This was the Courſe he took afterward with *Otes*; And ſo the Project Advanc'd from Step to Step, as Naturally as One Point of a Line runs into Another. 'Tis True, that he Croſs'd Shins a little with himſelf, in Firſt *Frighting* People with the *Fear* of **Popery**, and Then, playing the Part of a *Popiſh Agent* for the *Promoting* of it; but he wanted *Mercenaries* to Aſſiſt him in his Deſign, and This was his way of *Angling*, to *Hook them In*. Briefly, *Tong's Heart* was ſet upon a *Plot*, and for want of *Invention* to *Make* a *New* one, he Contents himſelf with the **Counterfeit** of an *Old* one. *He* ſets it *afoot*; *Otes Kiſſes the Book upon't*; *Collateral Evidences* are Ferreted out; and ſo ſoon as

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ever the Brat was in Condition to endure the Air, who but *Tong* to lay it at the Door of *St Stephens Chappel*, where he knew it would never want Fathers to *Own* it; And from That time it was *Adopted* in Common Fame, the *Parliaments Plot*; and, to follow the *Allegory*, it was put out to the *Kingdom* to see it *Nurs'd*, and *Brought-up* at the *Charge* of the *Publique*.

So soon as ever *Dr. Tong* found that his Neighbours were not to be Caught with That Bait, he bethought himself of a Surer Card, yet nearer hand to Trust to; Meaning *Titus Otes*. But before I proceed to the Merits of the Cause, and to Consider how far *Joyntly* and *Severally* they were *Both* Concern'd in the *Manage* of That *Intrigue*, it will do well to enquire, *First*, *where Otes Was* at That time? And, *2ly*, How *Tong* and *He* came to be *Acquainted*?

The Dr. in One of his Papers has These Words [*Mr* Otes (says he) *had Hired a Lodging in the* Barbican *near* Sr Richard Barker's *House, the more conveniently to Discourse with the Dr about their* [Common Purpose:] Which [Common Purpose] was no Other then an *Agreement* of *Confederacy* in the *Common Cheat*.

How Tong and Otes came Acquainted.

The Occasion of their First Acquaintance was This. [*Sr* Richard Barker *Presented* Otes's Father *to a Church in* Hastings. *This brought* Titus Otes *to Sr* Richards, *and There it was that* Tong *came first acquainted with him*; *and shew'd him several* Treatises *that he had fitted for the Press.*] This I have under *Tong's Own Hand* in a Paper Entitled [*a Narrative Preface.*]

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The same Paper says likewise, that in 1675. Sr R. B. *took the* Dr *into his House, where he Continu'd* [*'till Mr* Otes **Returned** *from St* Omers, *in* July. 1678.]

And now we have *Brought* them together, it will do well to see a little what they *Did* together, and how they Concerted their Matters from *One Imposture*, to *Another*.

Their Practices together.

The *Preface* above-mentioned says; that [*the Dr shewed to* Mr Otes (then **desirous of Employment**) *several Treatises in pursuance of the Advice he had taken with the Reverend* Dr Beale, *&c.*] And he says in Another Paper, That [*his* Royal Martyr, *was, if not the* Only, *nor* Chief, *yet not the* Least Incentive *to* Otes'es Adventure *among the* Jesuits.

Tongs Plea for Otes'es Perjury.

He says again, [*that the* Jesuits *had kept* Otes *so Close during his Abode in* London, *in Attendance on Their Consultations, in the Months of* April, *and* May, *that he by* **Providence** *only found Testimony of his being here; and did Watch, and Keep him so Strictly at the College in* St Omers *'till* June, 1678. *Old Style, that they thereon most Confidently Built their Lately Disproved Assertion, That* he never stirr'd thence.

Upon the Clause above, lies the *Main Stress* of the *Cheat*; and it needs to be very particularly Expounded. *Otes* was hard put to't to Prove himself in *London*, at the *Consult* in *April*, and *May*, 1678. His Pretext for want of *Witnesses*, was; that [*he was Charg'd to lye Close, and keep Private,*] but he made a shift however to bring *Four Persons* at his Tryal to speak to That Point. *Two* of them *Contradicted* a *Third*, and a 4*th* Swore to the *Wrong*

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Year. See *Otes'es Tryal*, fol. 91. A *Perjury*, in [illegible] was Prov'd againſt him upon the Oaths of Two [illegible] *Twenty Witneſſes.* fol. 87. And what does *Tong* [illegible] but *Knowingly*, and *Wickedly*, upon this Pinch, Co[illegible] and Support a *Perjury*? He Imputes his want *Evidence*, to his *Lying ſo Cloſe*: (Inferring, that [illegible] *could ſee No body, No body could ſee Him*) And ſ[illegible] geſts, that he was Here, in *April*, or *May*, 16[illegible] Went over to *St Omers* ſoon after; and, then c[illegible] back again, in *June* or *July*, as was ſet forth in [illegible] *Defence.* Thus far, *Tong* on *Otes'es Behalf*, thro[illegible] his *Soul*, and *Conſcience* Knew to the *Contrary.*

The Pinch of the Queſtion is Briefly T[illegible] Was *Otes* in *England*, *April.* 24. as he Swears [illegible] Was? and did *Tong* know *Certainly*, whet[illegible] he *Was* Here or *No?* 'Tis a ſtrange Thi[illegible] that *Otes* ſhould go to Sir *Richard Barkers*, wh[illegible] *Tong Lodg'd*; Be *ſeen* there by ſome of his *Servan*[illegible] and Moreover Ask of them for *Tong*, (as they Sw[illegible] all This at the *Tryal*) and *Tong* not ſo much Hear any thing all this while of *Otes'es* being *England.* Nay, *Tong* is *Poſitive* the *Other* hand, that he did [illegible] Return, till *June* or *July*; accord[illegible] to the Computation of the *Sa*[illegible]

He Contradicts Otes upon the Main Point.

[*Till Mr* Otes *Return'd from* St Omers *in Ju*[illegible] 1678.] ſays the *Narrative Preface* above-mentio[illegible]

And ſo in Another Paper, Entitled, [*T*[illegible] *Caſe and Requeſt.*] [*The Dr.* (ſays he) *did Affu*[illegible] *Produce to Light a* Narrative Teſtimony *of the Hel*[illegible] *Plot of the General* Maſſacre, *in* JUNE, 1678. [*Tell*[illegible] Mr Otes *Returned from* St Omers.]

And he ſets forth likewiſe in *a Petition to the Ho*[illegible] *of Commons*, that [*he Preſented them with a Diſcov*[illegible] *of the* Popiſh Maſſacre, *in* JUNE 1678: [*Before M*[illegible] Otes

Otes, *or Any other Diſcoverer appeared.*] And he has the ſame thing over and over in Divers Papers, with an *Emphatical Note* ſtill, that it was [**Before** Otes *came over, in JUNE, or JULY.* 1678.] *Simpſon Tong* ſays, in Effect, the ſame Thing in *his Petition to his Majeſty.* i. e. [*Your Petitioner doth Proteſt in the Preſence of Allmighty God, That it is very True, that the Plot was Contrived by my Father and* Titus Otes, *when he Returned the* **Second** Time *from beyond the Seas*, &c.] And ſo in a Letter to Me of *Jan.* 5. 1681. [*The Contrivance was Thus, That under the Pretence of a Popiſh Plot (which my Father Firſt Imagin'd was afoot, and afterwards* Otes, *at his* **Second** Return *from beyond the Seas Swore to be True, &c.*] And ſo in Another *Letter* alſo, [*That* Otes *went Over Sea a* **Second** Time, *and Returned about June*, 1678.]

The Plot was a Shamm.

From hence it is Manifeſt that the *Plot* was a *Contrivance*; A *Popiſh Plot* the *Pretext*; *Otes* Swore to't at his **Second** *Return*, which was *JUNE* 1678. It had been his *THIRD Return* if he had come over in *April*; for he gave no Evidence upon *Oath*, 'till *September Following.*

Otes only Tongs Property.

Theſe are *Proofs* not to be *Conteſted*: But now to *Reaſon* a little upon the Matter. *Otes* went abroad upon *Tongs* Errand, and had *Tong* ſtill for his *Confident*, his *Councellor*, and his *Friend.* Can it be *Thought* now, that if *Otes* had come back in *April*; *Fluſh'd* with *Intelligence*; *Big* with a *Diſcovery*; and full Freighted with the Commodity he went over for; That *Tong*, I ſay, ſhould hear no News of him 'till *the Latter End of June*, or *July*; and the world hear no News of the *Plot* neither, 'till *the Latter End of Auguſt?* Why *Tong* was the very *Soul* of *Otes's*-

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Clay; The *Other* only His *Inſtrument*, His Fa
but it was *Tong* that ſet him at *Work*, and *Tong*
paid him his *Wages*. *Tong* ſends him abroad to
cover a *Plot*; Nay and he tells him *what kind of*
he *Is* to *Diſcover* too. *Otes* makes a Step *over*
Water; lays his *Noſe* to the *Train*; Follows
Scent, and comes back again with *a Duck in*
Mouth; but without his *Maſters Bleſſing*, and
ſtance, the *Silly Curr* knows not what in the world
do with it. In This Poſture, we muſt Imagine
to ſtand for a matter of Two Months, *Wagging*
Tail, and *Waiting* with a *Conſpiracy* betwixt
Teeth, 'till at length the *Doctor* comes, and take
of him, and ſo Dreſſes it up into a *Narra*
Otes Furniſhes *Names*, *Dates*, *Places*; *Tong* fr
Matter to them; Ranges ſo many *Particulars* into
many *Treaſons*, Diſſects the *Whole* into ſo many
ticles; *Otes* Kiſſes the *Four Evangeliſts* upon 'em
And This is the very Hiſtory of the *Pretended P*
Now Theſe *Truſts*, and *Privacies* duly Conſider'd,
man can very hardly believe that *Otes* ſhould *Go*
Come; and be *Himſelf Preſent* here at a *Treaſon*
Conſult in *April*; and *Tong know nothing of it.*

It far'd, in fine, with Theſe Two Sparks
the Bus'neſs of the *Plot*, as it falls out ma
times in a *Freakiſh Amour*. There may Pa
Hard Words, perchance; *Jelouſies*, *Diſputes*, *Humours*
going off and on betwixt the *Two Lovers*, as the *Mag*
bites, and yet *Both Parties* at laſt, *as true as Steel to the*
Common Cauſe. This was the Very Very Caſe of Our
Two Worthies. The *Plot* had never been *Thought-of*,
Found-out, *Digeſted*, Lick'd into *Shape*, *Recommended*,
and brought upon the *Stage*, if it had not been for
Tong. But though *Tong*, all this while, under *Hi-*
bernfeld, was the *Firſt Founder* of it, and the *Ma*
Agitator

Agitator that gave it *Life* and *Motion*: *Otes* had the Good Fortune yet, to run away with the Title of *the Saviour of the Nation*, and with the *Profit* as well as the *Reputation* of the *Diſcovery*. In Little, From the Firſt Blowing of That Bubble in the *Barbican*, to the Enthroning of *Otes* in *Whitehall*, *Hand and Glove* were never Better together, then Theſe *Two Brethren*; and *Otes* Quietly Enjoy'd all the Trophies of his Atchievements; the *Bleſſings* of the *Committees*, and the *Hoſannahs* of the *Mobile*, without either *Envy*, or *Oppoſition*. Thus far in ſhort, it was *Hony-Moon* betwixt them. Nothing too *Great* for *Otes*, in *Tongs* Opinion; Nor any thing too *Much* for *Tong*, in *Otes'es*. But it was with *Otes* as with Many Men of Dignity that I have known in the World, that *when they are once Mounted Themſelves, Forget Thoſe that Heav'd them into the Saddle.*

To Purſue my Digreſſion yet a little further; What with the Dread of *Otes'es Commiſſion* to *Murder Tong*; And the Frightfull *Aſſault and Battery* of Old Bully *Whitebread*, upon the *Body* of *Titus Otes*, for Betraying the Plot to the King; [*According to the Honourable and Reverend Advice*] (as *Tong* has it) they took *Sanctuary* at the Houſe of One *Lambert* a *Bell-Founder* over the Water, where they ſtaid not long, before they had Quarters Allotted 'em at *Whitehall*; that they might with more *Safety*, and *Convenience*, lay their Heads together, and *Conferr Notes*. *Ezrel* and *Titus* were thus far *Simeon* and *Levi*, 'till there came *a Bone of Diſſention*, upon a Puntillo of Honour, to be Unluckily caſt in betwixt them. The Dr, it ſeems, had let fall ſome Words, as if He Himſelf had been the *Firſt Diſcoverer* of the *Plot*; And was within a Trifle of Printing a Book too, with That very *Claim* in the *Title-*

Tong ſets-up for the Firſt Diſcoverer.

Title-Page; but upon the Refusal of an *Imprim*- it Stopt there, and went no further. The Case c to a Squabble, and was very fairly decided in *Councell-Lobby* by Half a dozen of the *Kings Witn* where, upon a Full Hearing of Both Parties, went for the *Defendent*. This bred Ill Bloud, the Next News I heard, was, that *Otes* had shut T out of his Lodgings at *Whitehall*; and, as 'tis in Proverb, *When Thieves fall out, Honest men come their Goods*. *Tong*, upon This, sets up for the *Fi Discoverer*, and most Unhappily Shoots a Bolt, instead of Proving him to be the First *Discover* Prov'd him to be No *Discoverer*; and by leav *No Plot at all*, left *No Ground for any Discovery* a Insomuch, that *Tong's Single Testimony* did the P more Mischief, then the whole Band of *St Om Witnesses*: For to make himself a *Prior Evidence*, Overthrows *Otes's* Pretence of being here at *Consult* in *April*: For [*This was* (says he) *in Ju or July.* 1678. Before Otes, *or any Other Discover appear'd.*] Now if *Otes* was not here before Ju the *Narrative*, and All that's Built upon't falls in a Thousand Pieces; For the Doctor has broken t Neck of *Otes's Evidence*, and *Tript up the Heels of Own Plot*, both at once; and the *Babel* of *That Sho* is laid in the Dust by the very *Hand* that *Rais'd* it.

Otes's Contradictions.

A Short Word or Two now *Tong's Excuse* on *Otes's* Behalf f want of *Witnesses*. [*My Lord* (sa *Otes*) *when I came to* London, *I wa Order'd to keep very Close.* Irelands Tryal. fol. 36.] But then in the *Jesuits Tryal* he tells quite Another Story. [*When I came away from* St Omers (says he) *I was to Attend the Motions of the Fathers at your Cham ber* (speaking to *Whitebread*) *where the Fathers were Respectively Met.* fol. 19.] In pursuance of this Or-

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der, he went from Place to Place, from Lodging to Lodging, to get it *Sign'd*. He was at the *White-Horse-Tavern*, and *Particular Chambers*, I know not how *Many*, and how *Often*. He saw *Pickering* and *Grove*, several times Walking together in the *Park*, with their *Screw'd-Pistols*: And he saw their *Silver-Bullets* in the Month of *May*. *Irelands Tryal*. p. 23. 24. He was up and down in *Arundel-Buildings*, and several other Parts of the Town. He Swore he Din'd at *Islington*, &c. So that he was Oblig'd, by the Fathers, it seems, to be both *Publique*, and *Private*. His very *Part* in this *Tragedy* of a *Farce*, was only That of a *Common Messenger*, and a *Thames-street Porter* might have made the same Pretence of *lying close*, that *Otes* did, (first for *Himself*, and *Tong* afterwards *for* him) with as good a Grace. But the Dr does him the Good Office to throw a Cloak over the *Subornation*, and call'd it [*A Testimony found by Providence*,] and so to *Cover* the *Perjury*, though with a *Falsity* as Transparent as *Chrystal*. Now there never was any thing Plainer, then that *Tong* was all this while, as well a *Party*, and a *Confederate* to the *Cheat* in the *Execution* of it, as he was the *Principal*, in the *Design*. He was *Privy* to't; and *Approver* of it; and an *Advocate for* it; and not only in *This Particular*; but he went *Snips* with *Otes*, in the *Guilt* of Every *Walk*, and *Turn* of the *Imposture*; and, for my Own Part, (without the *Grace* of a *Distinguishing Repentance*) I had e'en as live stand in *Otes's Coat*, at the Day of Judgment, as in *Tongs*.

Tong a Confederate quite thorough.

The Dr follows his Point, in his *Narrative Preface* before-mention'd; with this Addition to his *Excuse* for *Otes*. [*They Watch'd him so Strictly* at St. Omers, he says, *that he had no other hopes left him of Escaping their Hands, then by Deceiving their Malice*,

and Undertaking to Poyson, or otherwise destroy the Author of those Books; (The Jesuits Morals, &c.) *nor did their Important Malice suffer him to Return to his Native Country on That Errand, 'till they had Loaden his Soul, & Conscience with an Oath to Poyson, or Otherwise Destroy him, Sealed with their* Abominable Sacrament of the Ma

This Foppery would not be Worth one Stroke of a Pen upon't, if i were not that it has had the Honour to *Fool*, and almost to *Ruine Three Kingdoms*. The Dr, methinks, when *his Zeal* was *In*, upon One [*Abominable Sacrament*] (as he calls it) might have found *Hell and Damnation* on the *Taking* side as well as on the *Giving*: And it would have been never the Worse, neither, if he had mingled a little *Remorse of Conscience*, with the *Colour* of the Murder ward the bringing of him *Back*: But it is no Wonder for the *First Contriver*, & *Designer* of the *Abuse*, to on to *Countenance*, and *Support* it; and briefly, to the Best Service he could toward the *Reputation*, *Success*, of *his Own Project*. This was the Doctors C thorough All the Mazes, and Windings of the *trigue*; And I do not know any One Instance, ther so *Wicked*, so *Gross*, or so *Notoriously False*, he does not set-up to *Undertake* for, and to *Defe*

The Matter Briefly stands Thus: The *Plot* was *Sham*: *Tong* the *Founder*, and *Promoter* of it. It *Meant* for a *Cheat*; It was *Carry'd-on* by *Confederacy*, *Forgery*, and *Subornation*; and *Tong* still a *Voucher* every Considerable Article of the *Villany*. There enough said already in the Third Chapter, how *Tong's Heart* was set upon a *Popish Plot*; How Zea he was to *Propagate* the *Fear*, and the *Belief* of it, and how *Industrious*, if he could not *Find* a Plot, to *Make* One. He could have no Thought of Gaining his Point, without *Matter* to Work *Upon*; *Instruments* to Work *With*, and some Proper *Means* of bringing

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Those Instruments over to serve his Purpose. The *Matter*, was the *Traduction* of *Habernfelds Relation*: His *Instrument* was *Otes*, and the *Supplying* of *Otes's Barking Necessities* was a sure way for the Engaging of so *Profligate* a *Wretch*. It was not for *Nothing*, that he shew'd *Otes*, his *Royal Martyr*, with the Draught of *Habernfelds* Story in't: Or that he gave him his *Lesson*, and sent him *Beyond Sea* upon't.

[*Mr* Otes *went from* Barbican, (says *Dr Tong* in a Paper of *Feb.* 2. 167⅘) *in Pursuit of his Design to Discover the* Jesuits Plot, *as Discoursed in* Tong's Royal Martyr, *&c.*] This Agrees, as to *Time*, & *Place*, with his Own Evidence in the *Lord Staffords Tryal.* fol. 25. 26.

Dr Tong says in Another Paper; that [Otes *Protested unto him, that he went among the Jesuits to find whether the Plot* Dr Tong *Charged upon them in his* Royal Martyr, *were* True, *and* went-on *or* Not.] And then says *Young Tong* further, in a Letter under his Hand.

[*My Father persuaded* Otes *to get Acquainted among the Papists, and told him there had been many Plots in* England, *to bring in Popery, and if he would go over among the* Jesuites, *and Observe their Ways, it was Possible it might be one now.*] Nay, it is Remarkable thorough the Tract of the whole Story, that *Tong* Values himself at Every Turn upon his Good Offices toward the *Discovery* and the *Credit* of the *Plot*. He has it in his Papers at least *Thirteen times over*, how it was *His Royal Martyr*, that set the Wheel a going; And *His Recommendation* of *Habernfelds Modell* in't, that sent *Otes* abroad among the *Jesuits*, to see if he could *Match* it: And, Effectually, *his Project* was not the *Tracing* of *One Plot*, but the *Bolting*, and *Swearing* of *Another*; which is a Case so *Clear*, and so *Indubitable*, that it were but *holding a Candle to the Sun*, through so Manifest a Course and Practice, of *Deliberate*, and *Palpable Frands*, and *Suborn*ations, to spend

Time, and Paper upon the *Proving* of it. For, mo
Certain it is, that *Otes* never ſpake a *Killing W*
in the Quality of a *Kings Evidence*, (that is to ſa
'till he came at laſt to *ſet-up for Himſelf*) but
had *Tongs Benediction* along with it.

His Firſt Adventure was to *Spain*; but the *Socie*
and *Otes* could not Cotten; and ſo he came ba
again to the *Tutouring*, juſt as Wiſe as he went ov

[*My Father*, (ſays *Young Tong* again) *furniſh*
Otes *with ſome Mony, who then Pretended himſelf*
Papiſt and often frequented a Popiſh Club, *and w*
very great with one Berry, *a Secular Prieſt, and b*
Aſſiſtance got over-Sea to the Jeſuits; *and ſtaid there*
while, and then returned, but my Father found he h
Nothing of them, and perſuaded him to go again.
did ſo, and [returned about *JUNE* 78.] *Co*
nued among the Papiſts here a little while, to Try w
he could Get or Learn amongſt them.]

The ſhort Sum of the bus'neſs is This; *O*
had *Habernfelds Matter* to *Work* upon; a *Commiſſ*
and *Inſtructions* by a *Side-Wind*, how to make t
Beſt on't. His *Manage* of it was according to t
Hints and *Dictates* he receiv'd from *Tong*; and th
Both, Acted with the *ſame Common End*, and *Deſ*
Tong had a *Plot* in *Viſion*, long before *Otes* Swore
in his *Narrative*; and he ſaw All the *Motions*, a
Effects of it, in the very Belly of the *Firſt Cau*
What was the Tampering of his *Pariſhioners* for
His *Paraphraſing* upon the Old Project of *Haber*
feld? What was the *Meaning* of All his *Search*
Sollicitations, *Attendances*, *Narratives*, *Caſes*, and *Pe*
titions, by way of *Anticipation*; but to ſerve as
Preparatory, toward the *Fitting* of a *Plot* to *One's*
Mouth? and the *Adjuſting* of a *Preſent Invention* to
many *Imaginary Articles* of a *Diſcovery* that was ye
to Come? Nay, the very *Subornation*, and *Perjury*,
this

that follow'd upon't, was little better then a *Bargain ſtruck-up betwixt them.* The Dr. tells us in his *Narrative-Preface*, that *Otes* was [Without any Employment.] And in another Paper, of his Hiring a Lodging in the *Barbican* near Sir *Richard Barkers Houſe, the more Conveniently to Converſe with the Dr. in their* Common Purpoſe; which Common Purpoſe, is as Legible a *Cypher* for a *Conſpiracy*, as the Diſpatching of Forty Eight, in the *Windſor Letters*: But in the *Barbican* they were it ſeems, and wherever they were the *Cheat* went *forward.*

Otes's Starving condition in 1677

[*When I came from the Univerſity* (ſays *Young Tong*) *in the Year* 1677. *I found* Otes *with my* Father, *in a very* Poor Condition, *who Complain'd*, he knew not what to do to get Bread, *who went under the Name of* Ambroſe. *My Father took him Home, and gave him* Cloaths, Lodging, and Diet, ſaying that he would put him in a Way.]

Now the *Deſign* of the *One*, and the *Condition* and *Character* of the *Other*, reaſonably Conſider'd: Never was there a *Fitter Maſter* for ſuch a *Man*, nor ever a *Fitter Man* for ſuch a *Maſter.* A Fellow under *Starving Neceſſities*, and paſt the *Senſe*, of either *Shame*, or *Conſcience*: So that if the Dr. had *Rak'd Hell* for a *Factor*, the *Devil Himſelf* could not have Furniſh'd him with an Inſtrument that was *more Made* for his *Purpoſe.* There was *Swearing* to be had for *Bread*, on the *One* ſide, and *Bread* for *Swearing*, on the *Other*: And a *Cruſt*, for a *Falſe Oath* was as Arrant a *Subornation*, as a *Falſe Oath* for That *Cruſt* was a *Perjury*; though to the Beſt of *Tongs Ability*, and *Intereſt*, *Money* or *Moneys Worth* was not *Wanting* neither; as is made Appear already. The *One* did as good as *Ask* [*what Courſe he ſhould take to get Bread,*] the *Other* [*takes him to him, and*

He Swears for Bread.

Promises to put him in a Way; and what the Dr *Meant*, by putting him in a Way, will be seen by the *Way* he *put* him in. *He Advis'd him to go among the* Jesuits, *and Observe if there were no a Plot among them to bring in Popery*; Adding, in the *Words* of his *Son*.

Tong gives him his Lesson and sends him abroad.

[*That* if he could make it out, it would be his Preferment for ever. *But* however; *if he could get their* Names, *and a little* Acquaintance *from the Papists, it would be an* Easy matter to Stir up the People to fear Popery.] Now says *Young Tong*, in Another Letter. [*Their Main, and Principal Design was, under the Pretence of a* Popish Plot, *to Disinherit his* Royal Highness, *and when they had brought an* Odium *upon the* Duke, *Then. Propositions were made by* Otes *and my* Father, &c. *Their next Business must be to Ingratiate Themselves with several*—— (Eminent Men) *which was Effected*, &c.]

So that here was *Present Supply*, and the *Hope* of *Preferment*, on the *One* side upon *Condition* of either *Finding*, or *Forging* a *Popish Plot*, on the *Other*. *Otes* took his Tutors Councill; Gets over among the *Jesuits*, and after a while comes back again, as Arrant a Noddy as he went. He made a little stay here, for the better Conning of his *Instructions*, and was then persuaded to go *over again*, by the *Same Hand*, and upon the *Same Commission*. His *Second* Ramble was to *St Omers*, where they grew quickly as *Sick* of him, as he had made them before at *Valladolid*. He *went* thither about *Christmas*, 1677. And *Return'd*, toward the *Latter End of June following*. 1678. Old *Style*. According to the *Concurring Testimony* of the *Two Tong's*, (Father and Son) over and above

Two

Two and Twenty Witnesses more that gave *Evidence* at his *Tryal.*

The Doctor and his Pupil were, by This Time, past all the Ceremonies of *Caution*, *Form*, and *Scruple*; and the *Perfect Knowledge* they had of *one anothers Minds*, had Created so *Entire*, and *Mutual a Confidence*, that from hence-forward their *Hearts* were as Open to one another, as their *Faces*; and the *Confederate Guilt* of *Perjury*, and *Murther*, with the *Varnish* of *Religion* put upon it, was no longer a *Secret* betwixt them. All Ceremony apart.

After *Otes's Return*, in *June*, or *July* from *St Omers*, he lay Lurching up and down the Town: One while in *Drury-Lane*; Another while with *Tong* at the *Flying-Horse* in *Kings-Street Westminster*; *Kick'd-off* by the *Jesuits*, and *at his Wits End what to do with himself*, 'till, in the Conclusion, he betook himself to his Old *Councellor* again in the *Barbican*; and there they fell to *the Hammering of their First Project over again.* The Doctor in one of his *Diary-Papers* gives this Short Account of the Matter. Otes returns from St Omers.

[*About the* First of August, 1678. Mr Otes *brought and read unto* Dr Tong *at his Chamber in the* Barbican, *his Discovery of the* Plot, *Written in a Hand wherewith the Doctor was not then Acquainted, but refused to leave it, or to give a Copy of it to the Doctor.*] Now says *Young Tong*, [*My* Father Advis'd Otes *to write the Plot in* Greek Letters, *because that None but Themselves might be Privy to what was done: The Copy which was in* Greek Letters *was burnt by* Otes. *When they came to* Fox-Hall, *Mr* Kirkby *was taken in for an Assistant, after he had been* Sworn to Secrecy.] The Dr says likewise to This Matter in Tongs Account of the Plot.

a Paper Dated, *Aug.* 11. [*That Mr* Otes *put the Dr into the Discovery of the Plot, which he had written in* 43 *Articles under the* Wainscoat, *at the further end of Sr* Richd Barkers Gallery, *in his House in the* Barbican, *near Dr* Tongs *Chamber-Door, according to the Dr's Directions, where the Dr took them up; and chusing Privacy to Correspond rather by Papers with an Unknown Person, then Personally with Any man in the Plot, gave* Mr Otes Direction *to Write, or Cause his Informations to be Written in the* Greek Character, *rather then in his Own hand which he could not Vary, nor Hide from being Known; and gave him Other Directions, both to Abscond his Person and Habitation which notwithstanding he Observed not: That Dr* Tong *Copy'd the said Articles forthwith, and sought to Communicate them to his Majesty.*

In the Greek Character.

Compare This again with a Passage in [*The Impartial State of the Case of the Earl of* Danby, &c. concerning *Otes's Narrative*, which *Tong* had Presented to his *Majesty* and the King had put afterward into the Hands of his Lordship. It gives an Account of my Lord's Discourse with the Dr upon This Subject, in Question and Answer.

Tong referr'd by his Majesty to the Earl of Danby.

The Earl shew'd the Papers to the Dr, and *Asked Those were They?* which he said they *Were.*

Qu. *Whether they were* Originals?

Ans. No. They were *Copies* of His, the Dr's Writing.

Qu. *Who was the* Author, *and where the* Original?

Ans. He did not know the *Author*, for that the *Originals* (which he said were in his Custody) had

been *Thrust under the Door of his Chamber*, but he did not know by *Whom*, only he did fancy it must be One that had some time before held Discourse with him tending to such Matters.

Qu. *If he knew where to find That Man?*

Ans. No. But he had seen him lately Two or Three times in the Streets, and it was likely not to be Long before he should Meet him again.

What is All This now, but *Sham upon Sham?* The *Articles* were not yet brought to *bear*, and therefore, the *Plot* did Better in *Greek* then in *English*, 'till, upon Further Thoughts, it might be *Lickt over*, *Corrected*, and *Amended*: This Conjecture is very Expressly seconded with a Passage of *Young Tongs* in *Another Letter*, where he says that [*there were several Copies Written of* Otes's Narrative very Different *the One from the Other.*] It is again to be Noted, how Slyly *Tong* tells the Earl of *Danby* that [*they were Thrust under the Door*; but by *Whom he did not know, nor where to find the Man*:] When yet the Thing was *Done* by *His Advice*; The *Doer* of it in *Tong's Company* all this while; and the *Man* as well known to *Tong* as ever *One Man* was to *Another.*

The Whole Story a Sham.

[*They went* (*afterward*) *to* Fox-Hall (says *Young Tong*) *by my Fathers* Advice, *to the end they might be more* Private, *where Those Papers that they Wrote at* Sr Richard Barkers, *were put into* Form, *and deliver'd in to the Councel.*

They go to Fox-Hall.

[*After, They All Remov'd from* Fox-Hall, *and Nail'd up the Chamber-Door, having left Several Papers behind*; *And my Father Understanding by* Mr Lambert, *that the Door was broken up by the Landlord, and*

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the Papers like to be Seiz'd on, was much Troubled a
and sent away the Rent that was Due, by his Man R
chard — [*This House where my* Father *and Ot*
Lodg'd, was called by the Neighbours, the Plot-hou
and there Otes's Narrative *was Written, whereof s*
veral Copies were Written Different *the One from t*
Other, and the Four Jesuits Letters, *wherein* Otes *pr*
tended was the Whole Discovery, *were* Counterfeits.

The Windsor Letters.

The *Four Letters* here Mentioned were the *Four Letters* that the *Attorny-General* says in his State of the *Evidence* were All Enclosed in *One Cover*. But there was likewise a *Fifth*, Subscribed *Nich. Blundel*, &c. which *Young Tong*, it seems, had no Knowledge of.

There are, in fine, so many Circumstances of *Proveable*, and *Open Fact* in *This Cause*, that there's no room Imaginable for so much as the Pretence of a Contradiction: But still the Point at last of the *Windsor Letters* Clears the Proof of a *Conspiracy*, if it were possible, even above All the rest. I have the *Originals* at This Present in my Hand, and there is the Paw of *Tong* and *Otes* so manifestly in the very *Writing* of them; as if they had not thought it worth the while to *Disguise* the Cheat. It was an *Imposture*, that their very Souls, Heads, Hearts, and Hands were All at Work upon; And the *Forgery Undeniable*; only *Tong Himself* was the *Master-Hocus*. It makes me think of a Story betwixt a *Councellor* and his *Clyent*, about an Answer to a Bill in *Chancery*. *You must needs come, and draw up your Answer*, says the *Lawyer*, *we shall be under a Contempt else*. Why *draw it up then*, quoth the *Clyent*. *Well!* says the Other; *but what do I know what you can Swear to? Never Trouble your Head for That* (says the *Clyent* again in a *Banter*) *Look* You *to the Lawyers Part, and draw me up a Sufficient Answer, and*

leave

leave it to Me *to do the Part of a* Gentleman, *and Swear to't when you have done.* This Dialogue in *Jeſt*, was the very Caſe of *Tong* and *Otes* in *Earneſt*; and what the *One Dictated*, the *Other Swore* to.

CHAP. VII.

By what means This Impoſture came to be Promoted, and the Manner of doing it.

The Deduction of the Plot.

WE have now brought down This *Phantome* of a *Plot*, from *Forty* to *Seventy Two*; From *Seventy Two*, to *Seventy Eight*; From *Habernfeld* to *Sr William Boſwell*, and ſo to *Arch-Biſhop Laud*, to King *Charles the Firſt*; To *Prynnes Romes Maſterpiece*; To *Tongs True Narrative*; From *Valladolid*, *St Omers*, the *White Horſe* in the *Strand*; The *Conſult* at the *Savoy*, 'till we have at laſt Lodg'd it at *Fox-Hall*, where it lies ready for Projection. *Tong* ſays that He and his Pupil went thither for *Privacy*. *Otes* Swears that it was for *Sanctuary*; and that they went *Both*, in fear of their *Lives* from the *Provincial*, and the *Jeſuits*. They had been Toſſing, Turning, and Contriving, a Long time before they could bring their Matters together; And now it begins to Work for *Good and All*.

Dr

Tong's Diary of their going to Whitehall.

Dr *Tong*'s *Diary* of Sep. 2. 16[illegible] says that [*Mr* Jones, *and Mr* [illegible] *came to Dr* Tonge *to St* Mary [illegible] ries *after Sermon time, and so Three went by Water to* Fox-Hall; *but* Otes *in a* [illegible] *by Himself, and following at a Distance for fear of* [illegible] *covery, which was the first time that* Otes *was* [illegible] *known to Mr* Kirkby. *Upon This Occasion,* Otes [illegible] *furnish'd with* Mony, *a* Suit *and a* Gown, *with* [illegible] *Necessaries.*] *Tong* having made the Way smooth [illegible] fore-hand. The *Council-Minutes* agree likew[illegible] that *Munday* the *Second* of *September*, was the [illegible] Day that ever Mr *Kirkby* saw *Otes*.

There is likewise in the Hand-Writing of *Tonge*, a Paper Entitled [*Mr Christopher Kirkby's* [illegible] *formation*;] which is very nigh word for word [illegible] same with a Printed Paper of 1679. Entitled, *A Compleat, and True Narrative of the Manner of the Discovery of the* Popish Plot *to his Majesty*, by Christoper Kirkby. The Abstract of it is This.

An Abstract of Mr Kirkbys Narrative.

That August 12. 1678. *At Noon*, Tong *shew'd Mr* Kirkby a Narrative *of the* Popish Confederacy *in* Forty Three Articles. Tong [illegible] *joyn'd Mr* Kirkby *Privacy*; *and to tell no body of it but the King, which he Promis'd to do. He could not* [illegible] *with his Majesty That Day, but the Day following, put a Paper into the Kings Hand in the* Outward Gal[illegible] lery *going into the* Park. *His Majesty Ask'd him* [illegible] *Questions, and so Appointed him to Attend 'till he came back*; *when* Kirkby *told the King, that* Pickering *and* Grove *were to shoot him, and* Sir George Wakeman *to* Poyson *him*; *and that he had a friend at hand with Papers to make out the Particulars.* Kirkby *was then Commanded to bring his Friend in the Evening, to Attend his Majesty*; *And in the* Red Room *a Copy of the* [illegible]

Narrative

Narrative *was Deliver'd to his Majesty in the Doctors Hand, but with All Caution of Privacy Imaginable. His Majesty told them that he would put the Papers into a sure Hand, and Order'd them to Attend the Earl of* Danby, *which they did the Next Day; finding his Lordship with the Papers in his Hand, who desired Mr* Kirkby *to Withdraw while he Spake to the Dr. Some Two or Three Days after, the Dr brought* More Enformations, *which Mr* Kirkby *seal'd up, and Convey'd to the said Earl. About the* 20th *of* August *the Dr Propos'd the seizing of* Pickering, *and* Grove; *and on the* 23th, Pickering *and* Keines *were to be shew'd, that they might know them again; and* Grove *should have gone to* Windsor, *but he fell* Sick. *On the* 26th *The Dr. Propos'd the* Intercepting *of* Letters: *and on the* 31th. *Enquiry was made in the* Post-Office *about such* Letters.

Sep. 2. Otes *came first to* Fox-Hall, *and Presently there came out* Further Discoveries. Sep. 4. Otes *told* Kirkby *that the* Provincial *had Beaten him for Telling Tales; Whereupon,* Tong *got* Otes *to Swear his* Narrative *before* Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey, Sep. 6. Tong *Deposing upon Oath, that it had been made known to the King.* Sep. 5. *Mr* Kirkby *went to* Windsor, *but the King took no Notice of him. On the 7th and 8th, he could not speak with the Earl of* Danby *Neither.* Sep. 9. *The King took no Notice of* Kirkby *again; All of them thinking it hard, that the Discovery was so much Neglected.* Sep. 27. Tong *was Order'd to Attend the Councill; but coming Late was Order'd to Attend the Next Morning. In the Mean time they Resolv'd to get* Copies Sworn; *and on the* 28th *early they got* Two Copies *of the* First Depositions *also* Sworn; *that they might Each of them have an* Authentique Copy. *Mr* Kirkby *and* Tong *went after This, to* Whitehall, *while* Otes *went to* Fox-Hall. *The Councell, in fine, Order'd* Tong *to bring* Otes

thither,

thither, whereupon they Attended, and had Both the Lodgings Immediately Assign'd them in Whitehall. *Thus far Mr* Kirkbys Narrative; *To which I just only add a Word or Two out of a Paper of* Dr Tong's.

Friday, Sep. 27. *The Councel met about the Plot and sent for* Dr Tong; *but rose before he Spake with them.* Sir Robert Southwell *Order'd Dr* Tong *to appear before his Majesty and the Councel* Next Morning. *Mr* Otes *Swore Two Copies before* Sir E. B. Godfrey.

Tong with his Narrative before the Councell.

Saturday 28. *Dr* Tong *appear'd and referred himself to the Papers he had Given, or Transmitted to his Majesty. Being desired to give the King a Brief Account to them, as he had done to his Majesty, he referred himself also therein to a* Paper-Account *which he had formerly Transmitted to his Majesty which was Read. The Dr was also afterwards desired to put the Papers before the Bord into Method; To which he Answered, that they were a* Journal, *and Ordered, as he* Received *them, not only by* Dates, *but by* Marginal Numbers.]

After *Tong* and *Otes's* taking Sanctuary in *Whitehall*, these Sparks could not fail of being Welcom'd into the Next House of Commons; for the very Countenance of giving them Credit thus far, was as Good as a *Testimonial* for a Countenance of *Reputation* in *Another Place*; And after the Authority of believing it so far in *Jest*, it is not to be Wonder'd that it should Gain much a Greater Reputation among the Common People in *Earnest*. There was a *Nest-Egg* of Old Standing, and that Every body gave over almost for *Addle*, 'till in the End it came to Disclose, and by Degrees, to *Feather*, and *Take Wing*. There's One Note in This Place not to be Omitted, which is; that in several

Raggs

Raggs of Scribled Papers of Dr *Tongs* that pretend to Matter of Fact; there are Divers Passages Manifestly *Defac'd*, and *Alter'd*; So that of *One* Thing they are made quite *Another*, which could never be by Applying the *Truth* to the **Fact**, but by Accommodating the *Story* to the *Imposture*.

CHAP. VIII.

By what Means the Author of This Little History came by the Papers herein mentioned.

I Was Charg'd in *October*, 1680. for Tampering with *Tong* to Invalidate *Ores'es Evidence*, and upon Two Full Hearings before his Majesty and Councell, I was twice Acquitted by the Unanimous Judgment of the Whole Bord. In *December*, 1681. there came a Person to me from *Young Tong*, who was at That Time a Pris'ner in the *Kings-Bench*, with an Assurance that he was very much Troubled in *Conscience* for a *False Oath* about the Bus'ness of his *Father*, and of my *self*; Shewing me likewise a Paper to That purpose under his Hand, and desiring me Forgiveness for the Injury he had done me: Whereupon I wrote to him as follows.

L'Estrange falsly Accus'd by Young Tong, and Otes.

Sir,

You will wonder at This Letter perhaps, from a Person that has neither Directly nor Indirectly had any thing

L'Estranges First Letter to Young Tong.

to

to do with you, either by Word, Writing, or Me
since October Last was Twelvemonth; *when,*
your Enformation I was Queſtion'd, and Wrongfully
cus'd, in many Particulars before the King and C

I look upon it as my Duty to Forgive you; a
This Good Time to tell you ſo, and I have the Cha
believe, if it had come into your Thoughts, you
have found it your Part to have Deſired it,
December. 27. 1681.

In Return to This of mine, I receiv'd an
ſwer with the Copy of a Petition to his Ma
Encloſed in manner as follows.

Ever Honoured Sir,

Tongs Anſwer. *I humbly thank you for your C*
ty, in forgiving the Wrong I did y
October was Twelvemonth; *And I Aſſure y*
hath been a Great Trouble to me; and if I could
hoped for Pardon, I ſhould have begg'd it of you
ſince, but I am Confident if you had known, how I
Us'd, by my Unkle *Firſt, and afterward by* College,
Otes, *to* Force me to Accuſe you Falſly, *you*
ſooner have Pity'd my Weakneſs, and Forgiven me,
I have done againſt you: But This Generous Cha
which you have now ſhewed in giving me the Pardon
I durſt not Ask for, hath Encouraged me to Intreat
Intercede with his Majeſty to Grant me his Gracious P
don for the Great Offences which I have Committed
gainſt him; and that he would be pleaſed to let
brought to my Tryal, and have the Peruſal of my Fa
Papers, to help to make my Defence; *And I hope to ma*
out the Truth, to the Satisfaction of All Honeſt Me
and Diſcharge the Conſcience of,

Honoured Sir,
Your veryeſt Commandable Servant,
Simpſon Tonge.

To his Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of *Simpson Tonge*, Prisoner in the *Kings-Bench*.

Sheweth,

THat *after your Petitioner had Declared the Truth to your Majesty concerning the Contrivance of his Father and Mr* Titus Otes, *your Petitioner being in great want of Necessaries, his Uncle, Captain* Tonge, *having sent for him was compelled to go to him for Relief; and Captain* Tong *made your Petitioner Drunk, and then Threaten'd and Forced him to deny the Truth, and to Sign a Paper, which the said Captain* Tonge *had Written, your Petitioner not knowing what he did, and afterwards when your Petitioner was Committed to* Newgate, Colledge *came to him, and by Threats and Promises forced your Petitioner to deny the Truth, for the which your Petitioner hath been ever since under great Trouble of Mind for his great Wickedness and Cowardize to deny the Truth: but your Petitioner doth protest in the presence of Almighty God, that it is very true that the Plot was Contrived by my Father and* Titus Otes, *when he returned the Second time beyond the Seas, my Father and he writ much of it out of* Houselife, Queen Elizabeth, *and out of the Book writ by* Hooper *or* Hocker *that came from* Rome, *and swore against* Campian *and the other* Jesuits; *as will appear both by the said Books, and by my Fathers Papers, if your Majesty please to cause them to be Searched into: They first Writ at Sir* Richard Barkers, *where the Plot was Written by* Otes *in Greek Letters, and afterwards went to* Fox-Hall, *and one of the Jesuits Letters is in my Fathers Hand.*

Wherefore your Petitioner doth most Humbly Pra and Beseech your Sacred Majesty, to pity the sad C dition of your Petitioner, and to pardon his great Cr of going from the Truth; and to let him be brou to his Tryal, and to have his Fathers Papers deliver to him to make his Defence; and your Petitioner hop to make what he hath Written so clear, that your Ma jesty will think him more fit for your Pitty then yo Anger; and forgive the great Wickedness of your Pe titioner, for the which he is truly Penitent, and w rather perish here in Prison, then ever be Guilty of s like; as he hath shewed to those that have been w him, since his great Poverty, to pervert him from from the Truth; but your Petitioner would not. Ther fore your Petitioner doth most Humbly beseech yo Majesty to pity the Sad and Miserable Condition Petitioner, and not to let him lie here and sta want of Cloth and Bread.

And your Petitioner [as in Duty bound shall ever pray, &c.

Simpson Tonge.

Tong refers himself in the Foregoing Letter an Petition, to Certain Papers that he would make u of for his *Defence*: Upon which Point he Expound himself in a Letter of *Jan.* 2. in these Words.

A Second Letter of Tong's.

[*Some of the Papers* (says he) *which my Father left, were taken a* Colleges *House, and my Uncle sen one Mr* Hill *to me in the* Kings-Bench, *and brough one who was a Stranger to me with a Paper to Admi nister on my Behalf, and I Sign'd it, and under Pre*

tence of Administring for me, hath seized on the rest of my Fathers Papers.]

This same *Hill* was a *French Man*, and his Name *De Mont*, and a Pestilent Enemy to the Late King, and his Government.

Tongs Fumbling in his Petition, at the Names of Books he has forgot, is a little better Expounded in a Letter to me of *Jan.* 5. 168½. [*My Father* (says he) *us'd to take Notes out of a Great Book, a Supplement after* Hollingshead *left off, and writ, as I have heard him say, by one* How, *or* Howes; *and Other little Books written by* Hocker, *or* Hopper, *that was the Witness, and Prosecuted the* Jesuits, *&c.*

Now to the Credit of these Papers, My Correspondence with *Young Tong* began *December* 27. 1681. and Brake off upon the 11th of *January following*. I Publish'd his Letters in Print, soon after the Receiving of them, and with a *Provocation* to any man that would take up *Otes'es Quarrel*, and call *Simpson Tong* to an *Account* for making the *Plot* to be only a *Cheat*: and *Dr. Tong*, and *Titus Otes*, a Brace of *Cony-Catching Impostors*. This Villany was Expos'd Barefac'd, over and over; People Invited, nay Press'd, and Challeng'd, to undertake the *Vindication* of them; even at a time when the *Authority* of the *Plot* was yet *Rampant*; and when it was made *Less Criminal*, and *Dangerous* to *Conspire* against the *King*, then to *Disbelieve Otes*. This was Certainly the most Desperate Evidence that ever was set afoot against the *Sham* of That *Pretended Conspiracy*, 'till the *Final Decision* of the *Main Cause* that follow'd some years after, at the *Kings-Bench-Bar*, *Westminster*, on the 8th and 9th Days of *May*, 1685. The Faction was at That

Time *Fleſh'd in Blood*, *Bold*, *Violent*, and *Succeſsful*; and yet not ſo much as One Mouth to Open in favour of the *Forgery*; or to call *Tonge* to an Account for *Ridiculing* the *Veracity* of the *Kings Witneſſes*, or Affronting the *Reputative Honour* and *Wisdom* of the *Nation*. I ſhould have Scrupled the Life of *Young Tongs Teſtimony*, after the *Scandal* of his *Saying* and *Unſaying*; and his going *Off and On* at the Rate that he did; if it were not that I find his Enformations ſtrengthen'd, and Supported by other *Concurring Evidences*; and by the very *Tenour* of the *Hiſtory* of *That Seaſon*: and if it were not likewiſe, that Notwithſtanding the *Blaſted Infamy* of his *Character*, and that his *Credit* was then at Loweſt, they were Glad yet to make *Fair Weather* with him, without putting him to the *Streſs* of *Proving* his *Enformations*; which at That time probably might have been made out by *Other Hands*.

How the Author came by Tong's Papers.

It may be made a Queſtion perchance, in the Next place, What Warrant I have for the Vouching of Theſe Papers of *Old Tong*'s to be *Authentique*; either as *Originals*, or as *True Copies*? To which I can only ſay, that there was a Trunk of *Dr Tongs Papers* Seiz'd at *Colleges*, which was brought to Me, a Long Time after the Taking of them, to be *Open'd*, and *Examin'd*, and ſo they were; and *Atteſted* in the Preſence of ſeveral Juſtices of the Peace, and Other Gentlemen. Theſe were the Papers that *Simſon Tonge* ſays were Taken at *Colleges* (where the Dr Dy'd:) And it appears from the very Quality of Theſe Papers that there were others of *Greater Conſequence* Convey'd away; which Confirms what *Simſon Tong* ſays further, about the *Adminiſtration*, and the *Conveying away* of the

the *Other Writing*. The much Greater Part of the Papers in the *Trunk*, were *Whimsyes* of *Project*, *Calculations* about *Anti-Christ*, and the *Number* of the *Beast*; *Snaps* of *Chimistry*, *Political Speculations*, *Rough Draughts* of *Cases*, *Petitions*, and *Addresses*, Several Copies of a Sort: But among Others, there were Abundance of *Dirty Fragments* of *Paper*, with a *Confusion* of *Minutes*, and *Memorials* upon them of *Times*, *Dates*, *Places*, and *Persons*, and Particularly, several Passages according to those Circumstances, that I find in the *Narrative*, which Manifestly shews that they were rather Matters Concerted toward the *Making* of a *Narrative*, and the *Adjusting* of *Articles* that might Hang together, then any *Report* of *Otes's* upon the Point of *Narration*, and *Fact*. In One Word; These Broken Snaps of Writing were undoubtedly *Forgotten*, or *Not Heeded* rather, then laid up in this Trunk; and a man might easily gather from what was Left, that there had been a *Cull* made out of them *Before*: For there was enough remaining (as I have said already) to give *Light* to the Subject, and Design of Those that were either *Remov'd*, or *Destroy'd*: But the Doctors Hand is as Distinguishable from any *Other Character*, that I ever saw, as ever One mans Face was from Anothers. *One of the Jesuits Letters* (says *Tonge* in his *Petition*) *is in my Fathers Hand*; And any man that has a mind to Compare That *Jesuits Letter* with the *Other Papers* of the Doctor's, that I have Cited in These Remarques, will no longer be able to *Doubt* that they were *Both Written by the Same Hand*. And This I suppose, may pass for a very Reasonable Account, both of my having These Papers in my *Possession*, and of the *Credit* of them.

CHAP. IX.

The Design of Tong's Plot *was upon the Duke of* York.

[*The Main, and Principal Design,* (says *Tong* in one of his Letters) *was to Disinherit His* Royal Highness.] *Popery* was the *Colour*; The Duke of *York* was brought in Consequently as the Head of the *Roman Catholiques*; The *Queen* not *Spar'd*; and the *Late King Himself more then Innuendo'd into the Conspiracy. Plain-Dealing Otes* gives his Late Majesty a *Touch* on't in the *Preface* to his *Narrative*: And if it be *True* (as it comes from a very Good Hand, and I believe it) when *Bedloe* was Press'd to say *Whom he saw about the Murder'd Body of Sr Edmundbury Godfrey*, he did *Heroically Declare*, that he would not *Name* the Man; Nay, and though he was *Adjur'd* to do it by an *Eminent Patron* of the *Cause* that is now in the *Grave*, His Answer was *Short*, and *Resolute*, *that there was He, and He, and a* Tall Black Man, but *he would go no Further*. So that the *King*, and the whole *Royal Family* were brought into the *Toyle*, as well as His *Royal Highness*: For *Excluding* for *Popery*, *Involves Deposing*, and *Monarchy it self* was to *Fall* too, with *his Majesty*: Witness the *Association*; that was render'd *Inseparable* from the *Exclusion*, and Carry'd in the *Project* of it, the very *Lines*, and *Method* of a *Common-Wealth*. *Simpson Tong* follows the Blow at His *Royal Highness*, (with some Particular *Names*, which, out of

of *Decency*, and *Respect*, I shall forbear) making Mention of the *Lord Shaftsbury*, *&c.* by whom the Matter was Publiquely, and in Truth, Carry'd-on: But it was no Great Wonder, when a Company of *Fools* had put so many *Shams* together, and given them the Countenance of a *Discovery*, or a *Narrative*, for a *Pack of Crafty Blades* to *Varnish* it over afterwards and to put *Popular Glosses* upon it.

Tong's Aversion to the Duke of York.

As to *Tongs Aversion to the Duke of* York, with a Regard both to his *Title*, and *Religion*; the Vein of it runs quite thorough All his Papers where-ever he can but bring in That Subject, though by Head and Shoulders; particularly in the Business of *Mr Coleman*, and in the *Cheat* of the *Five Windsor Letters*, where he lays the Blasting of That Discovery at the Door of his Then *Royal Highness*, by Possessing his Majesty against the Belief of *Bedingfields Letters*, and over-ruling the *Credit* of them, whereas it is made Sufficiently Notorious already, that when the *Faction* afterward were *Audacious*, and *Powerfull* enough to *Press*, and to *Procure* his *Banishment*; to Attempt his *Exclusion*, *Impeachment*; nay the making a *Traytor* of him; they had not yet either the *Face*, or the *Heart* to venture so much as One Syllable, of All These Letters into *Evidence*. But One Instance shall serve for All.

In *Tong's Jesuits Assassins*, (being the Enformation of One *Green* a *Weaver*, drawn up, and made *Parliament-Proof*, by Dr *Tong*) he brings in a Discourse betwixt One Mr *Royer*, and *Green* a *Weaver*, concerning the *Titles* of the Duke of *York*, and Duke of *Monmouth*.

Tongs Malice to the Duke of York.

If there be a Difference (says *Green*) *between the Duke of York and the Duke of* Monmouth, *and the Parliament do not Settle it*; *I believe that* All the Protestants in England *will venture their Blood, before the Duke of* Monmouth *shall lose his Birthright, and* We *lose the* Liberty *of Our Religion too.*

Boyer. And We will Venture All our Lives and Fortunes on the Behalf of the Duke of *York*, and for the Interest of *Our Religion.*

Green. *What can You do? for You be Nothing to Us.*

Boyer. Do not you Think so; for although we are but Thin here, yet there be Many in Other Places, and Powerfull Persons too. I will raise a Company, *&c.* I am now gotten into the Acquaintance of them, by whose Assistance I can get a Commission from the Duke of *York* as well as Another. *fol.* 2.] And now comes *Tong* with a *Politique Nota Bene* upon't.

N. B. *This agrees well with Mr* Jenisons *Relation of a Commission promised Him*, &c. *And here it may be Noted by what False, Sly, and Pernicious Suggestions, and Insinuations, the* Jesuits *Sow the Seeds of Sedition, and Rebellion in the Minds of Simple, and Well Meaning Persons of All Degrees, as here in the Present Case; pretending and Raising False Titles to the Crown, and thereby Dividing the Loyal Subjects thereof, into Bloudy Feuds, and Resolutions.*] This Pretended Discourse pass'd in 1675. So that *Tongs Plot* was much before his *Discovery.*

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CHAP. X.

Tong *Manag'd the whole Affair of the Plot, from One End to the Other.*

WE are now come to the *Laſt Chapter* of This Little Piece of Hiſtory. We have ſeen the *State* of the *Original Cauſe*; and That *State, Reported*: We have taken a *Specimen* of ſome Proceedings upon it: Enquir'd into the *Riſe*, and *Creation* of it; and find it at Length to be only *One Counterfeit* Drawn from *Another*; and *Deſign'd* for a *Cheat*, from the *Beginning*. We have ſhew'd likewiſe how it came to be *Entertain'd*, and to *Thrive* in the World. We have given an Honeſt Account of the ſeveral *Evidences* and the *Papers* alſo, that are here made uſe of toward the *Proof* of This Matter. It appears further, that *Tong's Pretended Plot* ſtruck at the very *Root* of This *Imperial Monarchy*. Thus far we have gone *Already*; and it remains now, only in *One Section more*, to ſet forth, that the *Founder* of This *Impoſture* was the *Chief Manager* too; and that all this *Hurly-Burly* has been, in a Great Meaſure, the Work of *One Weak Man*; A *Simple*, *Viſionary Bigot*, and a very *Dreamer of Dreams*, according to the *Letter*. But when People are ſo Blinded with *Paſſion* on the *One* ſide, as not to Diſcern the moſt *Palpable Folly*, and *Wickedneſs*, on the *Other*, what will not an *Obſtinate Enthuſiaſm* be able to bring about, when 'tis not only *Supported* by a *Prevalent Faction*,

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in *favour* of it, but *Prejudice*, and *Ignorance*, Work upon, *over and above*?

Otes was only Tong's Tool.

It is a Long Time now, that *Titus Otes* has *Had*, *Held*, and *Enjoy'd*, All the Advantages of an *Undisputed Title to the first Invention of the Plot*. He has *Eat*, *Drunk*, *Slept*, *Sworn*, *Blasphem'd*, *Ranted*, and (with Pardon of the Modest Reader) *Bugger'd* upon the *Credit* of it; and in Despite of *Hell*, and *Infamy*, All this Notwithstanding, he has still Upheld the *Dignity* of his *Claim*, and the *Knee* has been *Bow'd* to him, from *Aldgate* to *Westminster*, as to [*the Saviour of the Nation*:] Nay, he *Continues* Blessing God, to this very Day, and Hour, under the Discipline of the *Common Hang-Man*; and all his *Annual Processions*, *Toties Quoties*, from the *Jayle* to the *Gallows*, are but Reckon'd upon as *the Bearing of Testimony for Righteousness sake*. But now to Set the *Right Horse*, and to *give the Devil Himself his Due*; as to all these *Titles*, *Triumphs*, *Pomps*, *Pleasures* and *Solemnities*, I look upon *Dr. Tong*, that has pass'd for no more then a *Property* all this while, to have had Incomparably the *Fairer Equity* of the *Two*: For it was *Tong* made the *Musique* all this while, and *Otes* only Drew the *Bellows*: But we are not here to Dispute the Heraldry of That Affair. I am only for doing Justice to the *Memory* of *Men Famous in their Generations*, and of Men that *Contended* too for a Preference in This Matter; for there is an *Ambition* even among the *Damned Themselves*, *who shall be the First in Evil in Hell*. The [*FIRST DISCOVERER*] Sounds as Big in their *Juggling*, *Witnessing* Way, as [*the First Man that Entered the Breach*] does, in a *Military* way of *Honour*: and

the *One* takes it as *Ill*, not to ſtand *Foremoſt* in the Scandal, as the *Other* to find himſelf *Poſt-pon'd* in the *Record* and *Glory* of the Action. So that, without *Derogating* from the *One*, or *Aſcribing* more to the *Other*, then in Strictneſs of *Truth*, and *Juſtice* belongs to him; My Buſ'neſs is only to Rectify the *Memorials* of This Hiſtory, and to *ſet Tong Right*, with the *Next Age*, upon the Subject Matter of This *Competition*, which is a Good Office that no body ever yet Ventur'd upon but my ſelf; And if a man might Apply the Caſe of *Saul* and *David*, to That of *Our Two Worthies*, it ſhould be that [*OTES has Slain his* Thouſands, *and TONG, his* Ten Thouſands:] And ſo I'le on to my Matter as faſt as ever I can.

The whole Manage of it was Tong's.

To ſee what Part *Dr Tong* had in the *Government* of This *Sham*; or rather, that he was (like the *Soul*) in the *Whole*, and in *Every Part* of it; we muſt begin as far Upward of *Seventy Two*, as He look'd beyond it, to the Story of *Habernfeld*: At which time he was *Calculating*, how he might make the *Narrative* of 1640. do the ſame Trick over again, in Time to Come. [*It will be an Eaſy Matter* (ſays he) *to ſtir up the People to Fear* Popery:] and therefore, upon the Advice of *his Reverend Friend Dr Beale*, he put himſelf upon the Writing of *Pamphlets* [*Yearly, and Quarterly, if Poſſible,*] (as he ſays) *to Alarum the People*;] as the *Jeſuits Morals*, the *Royal-Martyr*, *&c.* To the *Latter* of which, he Aſcribes the *Providence*, in a manner, of the *Whole Diſcovery*. He fell in League afterward, with *De la Marche*, a *French Miniſter*; *Edward Price*, a *Sadler*; *Green*, a *Weaver*, *&c.* and wrote *Petitions*, *Caſes*, *Addreſſes*, *Enformations*, and *Narratives*, for them. *Otes*, all this while, was his

Familiar, and *sent abroad* (according to the Pl
sant Character of *Sr Harry Wottons Publique M
ster*, to *Lye* (with Reverence be it spoken) *fo
Service of his Master.*) And in the mean time,
but the *Dr* to Furnish him with *Meat*, *Mony*,
Cloaths, for the Discharge of his *Commission*
there was Any thing upon the Common Subject
the *Plot*, to be Presented to the *Publique*; who
Tong to Settle the *Standard* of it; and to see that
Articles, and *Accusations*, should be *Statutable W*
and *Measure*: Nay he was so well known in
way, that Folks came as Naturally to *Him* for C
teral Evidences to help out a *Blundering Wit*
a *Dead Lift*, as a *Cook-Wench* Carries her *Broken*
to the man that Cries, *Have ye any Work for a T
to Mend?*

But to Come to my Text now, & to Stick to't
to save as much *Time*, *Trouble*, & *Paper* as is Po
within the Compass of my Bus'ness. The Point
be Clear'd in This Chapter, is, (according to
Argument in the Head on't) that [*Tong* Mana
the Whole Affair of the *Plot* from One End to
Other] This is the very *Truth* of the Thing, a
that it was *His Engine*, *Labour*, *Zeal*, *Industry*, a
Promiss, that has given *Life*, *Countenance*, and *M
tion*, to This Illustrious *Adventure*; though by
Iniquity of the *Age*, and by the *Assistance* (as th
Dr has it) of *Noble*, and *Reverend Friends*, *Ot*
made a shift to run away with the *Reputation* of
Undertaking. There will need Little more to
This Evident beyond All Doubt, or Contradict
on, then to Gather into One short *Summary*, the
Scatter'd Minutes of what we have already
Touch'd upon in These Papers; and so to
Carry the Train from First to Last through
the Whole Cause, and in *Order*.

A Brief Deduction of Tong's Plot.

He Began with *Habernfelds Plot*; he fancy'd Another of the Same under the *Colour* of *That Plot*'s going on *Still*. He took a *Copy* of it in his *Royal Martyr*, for a *Preſident*: He ſhew'd it to *Otes* to Conſider of. In One Word, He *Wiſh'd* for a *Plot*; He did all he could to make People *Believe* there was a *Plot*; He *Deſign'd* a *Plot*; He Fram'd and put together the *Heads* of a *Plot*; And *in fine*, He Contributed with *Purſe*, and *Councel*, *Heart*, *Hand*, and *Good Will*, toward the *Execution* of it. It was by *His means* that *Otes* was *Maintain'd*; By his *Advice*, that *Otes* was *ſent over*; By his *Direction*, that *Otes* got *Jeſuits Names*, and *Acquaintances*, to Build ſo much as a Pretence upon. He did not only Paſs over *Otes's Execrable Hypocryſies*, *Blaſphemous Perjuries*, and *Mock Sacraments*; but he was *Privy* to, *Adviſ'd*, *Approv'd*, and *Encourag'd* them; He bids *Otes go over*, and gives him His *Directions*, not ſo much what to Look for, as what to Find; Upon *Otes's Return*, he ſends him back again upon the *Same Commiſſion*. *Otes* wanted *Bread*; *Tong ſtops his Mouth*, and takes upon him *to put him in a way*: Do but Diſcover a *Plot*, ſays *Tong*, and *Y'are a Made Man for ever*. Make the *People Jelous* of *Popery*, and your Work is done. *Otes* Undertakes the *Task*, and without any more Words, *a Bargain's a Bargain*.

During This Manage of *Otes*, *Tong* was not Idle Otherwiſe neither: Witneſs his [*Searching out Evidence*, *Soliciting*, *Promoting*, and *Expediting*,] to his very Great Expence, as he ſets forth in his [*Caſe and Requeſt.*] The *Paying* of above *Forty Clarks* to *Write* for him; His Undertakings, and Diſburſements to divers of the *Iriſh*, as well as the *Engliſh* Witneſſes, as apears upon ſeveral Bills, and Diſcharges under his Own hand; His Reſtleſs

Scribbling,

Scribbling, to Provoke *Fears* and *Jelousies*; The L... *defatigable Pains* he took to Assist *False Witnesses*, ... to help forward *Scandalous Informations*; To ... nothing of the Crotchet of *Fourteen Shillings a W...* to any of his *Parishioners* that would *Turn Papist*.

Otes only Swore to Tongs words.

Now upon the whole Mat... *Otes* neither *Saw* with his ... *Eyes*; nor *Heard* with his ... *Ears*; He stirr'd neither Hand ... Foot, and his *Tongue* hardly *Wagg'd* in his Mo... but by *Tong's Direction*. His *Way* was still *Chalk... out before him*; and All that he had to do, was ... Swear to *Tongs Words* and *Matter*. Where *Ote*... made a *Stumble*, as about his lying so *Close* in *T*... at the Time of the *Consult*, that he could get ... *Witnesses*; Who but *Tong* to Cover the *Perjur*... and, upon All other Occasions, to *Palliate* ... *Fooleries*. Who was it but *Tong* that *Made* the *Pl*... That *Wrote* the *Story* of it? That *Hum'd* ... *Knights of the Post* to *Second* it? That *Espous'd* ... sorts of *Impostures* for the *Colouring* of That *Cheat*... and it Cost him more Trouble at Last, to *Defend*... and to *Excuse* the *False Oaths*, then to *Procure* them. Who was it but *Tong*, that took *Otes* to him in the *Barbican for their Common Purpose*? as he calls it. That bad him *Write* the *Plot* in *Greek*, and lay it behind the *Wainscot*. It was *Tongs Invention* too, the Promising of *Otes Fifty Pound* to *Murder* him for his *Jesuits Moralis*; and the Sowcing of him in a *Damned Oath* for the Performance of *Covenant*... The *Battery* that was made upon *Otes's Person*, by the *Provincial* on *Sept.* 6. 1678. And Another by *Stratford* in *Cock-Pit-Alley*, that was set on by the *Jesuits* the Day following; This was All the *Mother-Wit* of the *Dr* still; and so was the *Advice* of their *Snugging together*, at *Fox-Hall* upon't, for their

their Common Security, and to keep themſelves in a whole Skin. What were the *Firſt Three and Forty Articles*, but the *Work* yet of the *Same Head*, and *Hand*? Who but *Tong* to tell Mr *Kirkby* of it; and by his Means to get Acceſs to the *King*? who but *Tong* again, to Deliver Thoſe Articles to the King; and afterward, by his Majeſties Order, to Attend the Earl of *Danby* about That moſt Important Affair? Who was it that told his Lordſhip the Story over and over again of *Grove*, *Pickering*, and *Wakeman*; the *Windſor-Ruffians*; and how they might be Catch'd in their Rogueries, upon the very *Spot*, with their *Guns* and their *Daggers*? Who was it that Excus'd the *Ruffians* afterward, for not going to *Windſor*, becauſe One of 'em was *Indiſpos'd*, and *Another's Horſe had Slipt his Shoulder*? Who was it that ſhew'd *Pickering* at the *Altar* at *Somerſet-Houſe* for fear of Miſtaking the *Man*? Who was it that brought ſtill *more and more Informations*, One upon the Neck of Another; That made ſo many Jaunts, *Out of Town*, and *Back again*, with *News*, and for *Orders*, only to *Fetch and Carry*? Who was it again that put *Otes* upon *Swearing* his *Informations* before *Sir Edmund-Bury Godfrey*? Who was it that *Carry'd* him thither, and *Supported* him there, with an *Oath*, that *the Contents of Thoſe Papers had been ſhew'd to the King allready*? Who was it that *Counſell'd Otes* to have ſeveral *Copies* of them Tranſcrib'd, and that Help'd both in the *Writing*, and in the *Recommending* of them Himſelf? Who but *Dr Tong*, that *Guided*, and *Influenc'd* This whole Affair? And *Otes* all this while, not ſo much as *Seen* or *Heard of*, 'till the *Second* of *September* at *Fox-Hall*: Only the *Plenipotentiary Dr*, with *Full Powers*, and *Authorities*, was his own *Principal*, and *Commiſſioner*, *Both* under

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One. Nay, and he was *his Own*, as well as *Otes's Confessor* too; for he *Absolv'd* himself of the Sin of *False Speaking*, as he had done *Otes* before, upon the Account of *False Swearing*, as in his *Shuffling* with the Earl of *Danby*, is made appear already.

Tong's Method of Pursuing the Plot.

It must be further said now, for the *Drs. Credit*; that he shew'd as much *Steadyness*, in his *Perseverance* as *Boldness*, and *Resolution*, thus far in the *Attempt*: For he *Gain'd his Point* at Last, in Despite of All the *Bug-Bears* of *Honour*, and *Conscience*, and in Defiance of All the Oppositions of *Law*, *Reason*, and *Common Sense*. His *First Narrative Shrunk in the Wetting*, and was found, *One Law* of it to *Clash* with *Another*, and not to *Agree* with *It self*: Insomuch, that *Tong* Press'd many times upon the Earl of *Danby*; and *Mr Kirkby* more than *Once*, *Presented* Himself in the *Kings Eye*, without any *Notice* taken of them, or Gaining any *Hopes* of a *Further Access*: So that they gave it off for *That Time*, and Remitted the Matter to some *More Favourable Season*. When *Tong* saw that the *Narrative* did not *Take*; he *Re-enforces* his *Attempt* with *Fresh Articles*: He follows them with *News* of the *Ruffians* going to *Windsor*, and with the *Proposal*, that One of the Earls Domestiques should go alone with them. The *Disappointment* above-mention'd made the Bus'ness look *Worse*; and his Majesty threw off the *Thought* on't, as a most *Palpable Fiction*: So that the Dr was now put, for *Another Invention*, to the *Uttermost Stretch* of his *Witts*, and *Courage*: And then comes-in the *Sham* of the *Five Windsor Letters*: But That which *Tong* Propounded for an *Evidence* so *Demonstrative* of the *Truth* of All he had Deliver'd, that it would put a *Final End* to Any *Question* upon *That Point*, serv'd only to Con-

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clude the *Whole* to be a *Forgery*; These Letters now were Manifestly of *Tong*'s *Contriving*, *One* of them of his *Own Hand-Writing*; Nay the *Authority*, and the *Truth* of them, in respect both of the *Authors* and the *Matters*, were, to the Uttermost of *Tong*'s *Poor Might* and *Skill*, in such a Manner *Excus'd*, and *Defended*; that they were *Argu'd* to be *Such and Such Peoples Hands*, because they were *Not* Like *their Hands*, and without pretending to shew any Other of their *Counterfeit Letters* to *Compare* them by. And *Tong* has not quite done yet neither.

Tong gets himself sent for to the *Council*; He Delivers his *Papers* in; Fetches *Otes*; He *Sollicits King*, *Lords*, *Commons*, and *Committees*; There was not *One Step* in the whole Frame of the *Conspiracy*, which he does not *Write Notes*, *Narratives*, or *Relations* upon. He's In at All, thorough the *Three Kingdoms*. Who but *Tong* to furnish the *History* of all our Fires; Treasons; Popish Commissions, Allyances; Faggots, Persecutions? Who but He, to undertake for the *Lists* of the *Plotters*, the *Particularities* of their *Crimes*, and to set-up, in *short*, for *Historiographer* to the *Conspiracy*, and the *Common Solicitor* to the whole *Faction*? Though he *Declares*, (as is said already) in *a Petition to the House of Commons*, that [*he had* No Knowledge *of any* Person, Charged *or* Suspected *to be in the* Confederacy; *and hardly of* any One Popish Gentleman in England.]

I have yet One Paper more of His, bearing Date *April.* 29. 1679. *Tuesday.*

Tong's Sawcy Expostulations with the Late King.

He takes upon him, with his usual Confidence, to Advise his Majesty to Deliver up all *Priests* and *Jesuits* to the severity of the *Laws* in that Case Provided: For (says he) [*They are not to be Consider'd as Meer Priests; but as Pro-*

fessed and Known Enemies to our King and Kingdom, **Spyes, Assassins,** *and* **Incendiaries.**]

To This Discourse, the King shew'd Great Dislike, and Changed his Countenance with Displeasure, and said, that Bloud Became not the Dr, nor his Coat; Said, he must Preach Other Doctrine to Him, *and That, on the Account of* Conscience; *and* Appealed *to the* Drs Own Conscience, *whether He would be Contented to be so* Persecuted (Terming *them* Poor People;) *and said,* Other as Effectual Means might be Used.

The Dr Answer'd, that he spoke This only for his Majesties Information, and that he might know that he was not Obliged, *neither in* Honour, Promise, *nor* Conscience *to* Interpose *for them as* Priests; *if his Affairs* Press'd *him, and Required him to do* Otherwise.

If I had thought of it sooner, This Treatise would as well have born the Title of *a Brief History* of Tong, as of *a Brief History of the Times*; Or it would have done as well perhaps, as either of them, to have Call'd it *A Vindication of* Titus Otes: For *His Murders* were a kind of *Chance-Medley*, Compar'd with the *Others*. He, *Poor Devil*, Swore to any thing that came *Next*, without either *Feeling* or *Fore-seeing* the *Conscience*, or the *Consequences* of Things. A *False Oath* in *His Mouth* was no more then an *Invenom'd Tooth* in the *Mouth* of a *Mad Dog*. He *Swapt* at Every thing that was in his Way, and *No Remedy* for the *Wound*, like a Piece of his *Own Liver*. The very *Bleeding* of him at a *Carts Arse* has Purg'd away the *Malignity* of the *Poyson*. *Otes's* Part was Divided, betwixt a *Malicious Humour* that he brought into the *World* with him, and an *Habitual Course* of *Wickedness*, that made his *Sins* as *Familiar* to him as his *Daily Bread*: but the *Invention*,

Invention, the *Contrivance*, and the *Conduct*, was *Alltogether Tong's*; Who, Certainly, had the *Forethought*, the *Deliberation*, and the *Study* of *Wickedneſs* to *Anſwer* for *Over and Above*. And *Otes* made no more of a *Falſe Oath*, then of *Writing juſt ſo many Words out of a Copy-Book*: And I have yet One Word more to ſay Comparatively, even on *Tong's* Behalf; which is, That he himſelf had his *Directors* alſo, that were the *More Criminal* of the *Two*: For Even in the *Confuſion* of *Hell it ſelf*, there is a *Subordination*, as well as in *Heaven*; and there are *Degrees* of *Anguiſh*, and *Deſparation* in the *One*, as there are of *Glories* in the *Other*; Nay, *Lucifer*, (if I may ſay ſo) *Values Himſelf* upon the *Dignity* of being *Uppermoſt*; and *the Deeper the Horror, the Greater is His Glory.*

The End.